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Denham stays on April ballot

Crouch plans appeal of court decision

By Scott Cousins
 Staff writer

Ponoon Beach mayoral candidate Jim Denham was allowed to remain on the April ballot, but Police Chief Mike Crouch said he would be appealing that decision.

PONTOON BEACH

After an hour-long hearing at the Madison County Courthouse in Edwardsville Thursday afternoon, the village's Electoral Board voted 2-1 in favor of keeping Denham on the ballot. Voting in favor were Chairman and Trustee Irene Karlechik and Village Clerk Mary Rowden — herself the subject of one of the objections. Trustee Bob Abel voted against Denham.

Crouch filed his objections as a citizen and sought to have Denham thrown off the ballot for two technical violations.

First, Crouch said Denham failed to number his petitions and Denham filled out an "independent" statement of candidacy, but his petitions listed his party affiliation as the "New Beginnings Party."

The second objection sought to have Rowden thrown off the Electoral Board for conflict of interest.

At Thursday's hearing, the board first considered Rowden's position.

Ironically, as a board member Rowden voted on the issue.

Denham's attorney, Eric Evans, argued that the only legal reason to remove Rowden from the board was if she was a candidate.

During questioning by Crouch's attorney, Jeff Cooper, Rowden acknowledged that she took home papers filed by the candidates in violation of a village ordinance.

In his objections, Crouch said Rowden's action "creates a genuine concern for their validity and their freedom from tampering." However, Rowden said she took them home to prevent tampering.

"I felt if I left them at the village hall there was a very good possibility they would come up missing or be tampered with," she said. "She added that documents had been taken or were missing from her office on two other occasions — both times minutes from executive sessions, which were returned the day after she found them to be missing."

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Trudy Campbell of Shirl K's Floral Design in Granite City arranges a rose display for someone special Thursday. A steady stream of customers made their way to stores for cards, candies, flowers and other gifts Friday afternoon. Flowers have always been a popular symbol of love on Valentine's Day, when lovers everywhere exchange special gifts the world over.

Cupid's arrows flying

Lovers flock for cards, roses

By Scott Cousins
 Staff writer

It's Valentine's Day, and everybody knows what that means.

GRANITE CITY If you don't, you're already in

big trouble. At Jan's Hallmark in Granite City, a steady stream of customers made their way to the counter with cards, candies, flowers and other gifts Friday afternoon.

Jack Mitchell of Granite City was looking for "just the right card."

Normally a last-minute Valentine's Day shopper, Mitchell said he was getting "a little ahead," but would probably have to go out Saturday afternoon.

Jill Maynard, also of Granite City, was looking for cards with her children Paige, 9, and Abby, 5. They were picking up cards for Maynard's husband. "I wanted something funny,"

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Area Wal-Mart launches CMN fund-raiser

Rodeo theme gets employees involved, manager says

By Nicole Vaughn
 Staff writer

It wasn't exactly a rodeo scene, but Ray Hobac was doing his best to make it one.

COLLINSVILLE

Hobac, a Granite City resident and manager of the Collinsville Wal-Mart store, 801 Belt Line Road, early Tuesday morning rode proudly on a plastic horse set up at the store's entrance.

Dressed in cowboy attire, "Big Ray," as his sheriff's badge identified him, put the horse's springs to the test while alternately firing a popgun and twirling a lasso.

After a few tries, Hobac got the lasso around the neck of his sidekick, a "cow" better known as Assistant Manager Linda Huber of Collinsville.

Huber, standing on hay, held a milk can. This can was milk-free, but store employees are hoping to fill it with money for the Children's Miracle Network.

CMN works to make dreams come true for seriously ill children. It was a morning of good fun for a good cause, said store associate Elsie McCartney.

Moos and cheers of "Ride 'em, cowboy!" periodically came over the store's intercom.

Collinsville Wal-Mart employees are raising funds for the Children's Miracle Network, a national charity which works to make wishes come true for seriously ill children. Wal-Mart is a national sponsor of CMN activities. The local fund-raising activities last through June 5.

Tuesday kicked off the store's annual fund-raising campaign, which runs through June 5. McCartney said the store raised \$12,655 last year. This year's goal is \$14,000, she said.

Vivian Johnson of Collinsville made the day's first donation. She shared a laugh with the other employees who had gathered to watch Hobac and Huber make their debut.

Every year, the store picks a theme for the campaign. It also offers the employees new and creative ways in which to tease their bosses. Past exploits include having managers dress as babies, spend time in a dog pen munching kibble or getting the chance to kiss a pig.



Ray Hobac, manager of the Collinsville Wal-Mart store, tries out a lasso while "galloping" on his steed.

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By Scott Cousins
 Staff writer

PONTOON BEACH

The arrest of Gary Rowden by Pontoon Beach police Tuesday on charges of driving under the influence has nothing to do with village politics, according to police.

Village Clerk Mary Rowden, was charged with driving under the influence, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct after being pulled over at about 1 p.m. Tuesday afternoon by Police Chief Michael Crouch and two other officers.

Crouch and Mary Rowden have a long history of conflict and Crouch attempted unsuccessfully this week to

have Rowden thrown off the village's Electoral Board. According to Detective Dan Abel, the arrest has nothing to do with village politics, and during the arrest and booking process, a trooper from the Illinois State Police was called in to monitor the situation.

According to police reports, Crouch was northbound on Illinois Route 111 when he noticed a 1992 GMC pickup

truck weaving on the roadway in front of him.

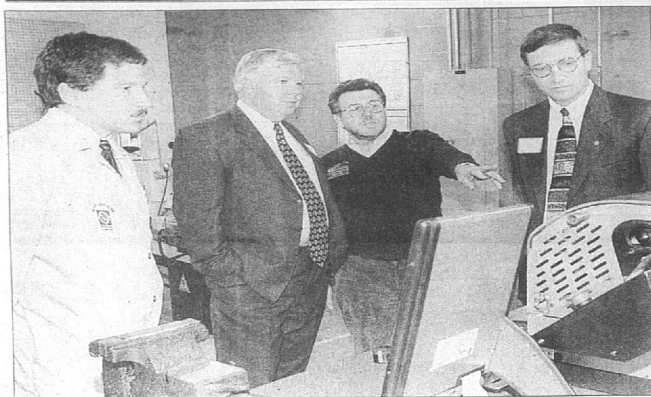
Crouch — driving an unmarked police car — radioed for officers in marked cars to assist in making a traffic stop.

Crouch activated his lights when the truck turned onto Reville Lane, but the truck did

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Driver's Minivan
 Pontiac Montana is functional minivan
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Open House

Bill Brown, third from left, the Industrial Training Center Mechanical Program Coordinator at Belleville Area College, explains procedures on new equipment purchased for BAC's Machine Shop at the Granite City Campus. Listening in, from left, are John Baima, CNC instructor; Elmer Kirchhoff, BAC president; and Jim Moore, ITC director.

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Milestones

Christopher Blatz celebrates a birthday today, Feb. 14.
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Love ballot dispute resolution scheduled within next week

Madison school president files objection

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A decision on whether Rev. John Love can remain on the ballot in the Madison School District will be decided sometime this week.

MADISON The School District's Electoral Board met Thursday to hear an objection from School Board President Sharon Cass, who is one of four candidates for three seats in the April elections.

In her objection, Cass said Love made several technical errors and 13 of 60 people who signed his petitions were either not registered to vote or registered at a different address from where they are living now.

Love said Cass's objection was part of a plot by officials at Madison City Hall to keep him off the ballot, and if removed, he would run as a write-in.

The board held off on a final decision to determine exactly how many signatures were necessary and to allow Love time to obtain affidavits from some of the people as to why they might have moved.

Love and Rev. John Henry Williams, who attended the hearing with Love, said some of the questionable signatures may involve people who were living in public housing but were moved to another location.

Love also argued that those signers still lived within the Madison School District.

"He (Rev. John Love) flagged me down (seeking his support for the Madison School Board election), we were doing catch basins on Madison Avenue. (He had already decided to support other candidates.)"

Ron Grzywacz
Madison Street Superintendent

Love told the board — School Board members Carol Hamm, James Newsome and Jeff Erickson — that Madison Superintendent of Streets Ron Grzywacz came to him the day after he filed his petitions and told Love that he should have talked to them before running.

Grzywacz said Friday that Love had approached him.

"He flagged me down, we were doing catch basins on Madison Avenue," he said.

Grzywacz said Love asked for his support, but Grzywacz told him that he was already supporting other candidates.

At the hearing, Love also said he had not been notified that his petitions had been accepted by the school district, that the objection was filed too late and that he had not been notified until two days before

the hearing. The last day to file was Feb. 1 and the objection was filed one week later.

Objections are supposed to be filed within five days of the last filing date, but the weekend may have extended that period.

Love also questioned why he should be responsible for making sure people signing his petitions were living at the correct address.

Board Attorney John Papa said that according to state statutes, it was the responsibility of the candidate.

At the end of Thursday's hearing, Erickson, who acted as chairman, said they would recess until sometime next week.

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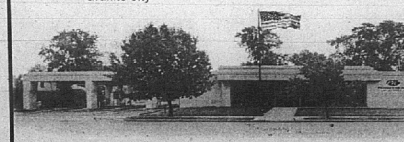
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Collinsville Wal-Mart Store Manager Ray Hobac of Granite City and Assistant Manager Linda Huber grin at 5-year-old Brittany Baker of Staunton during the store's opening ceremonies for the annual Children's Miracle Network fund-raising drive. Her grandmother, Jean Ley of Collinsville, can be seen in the background between Hobac and Huber. The drive, which helps children with life-threatening illnesses, runs through early June.

Police Beat

Venice

Theft: A delivery driver reported the theft of more than \$1,800 in goods — mostly cigarettes, candy and similar items — from a van Tuesday. According to reports, the driver inside the New Market, 83 Baucum Ave., was making a delivery at about 11 a.m. Tuesday when somebody opened the van door and took the items.

After inventorying the van, the driver later reported the value of the stolen items at \$1,892.86.

Armed Robbery: A Granite City man reported several suspects attempted to steal his wife's purse during an armed robbery at about 11 a.m. Thursday in the Venice Homes area.

According to reports, the man met police at a nearby gas station and asked for police to escort him to the

housing projects to recover his van.

He said his wife was parked in the circle drive of Venice Homes when two men, one armed with a gun, came up to her and demanded money. They attempted to take her purse, but she refused to give it to them, and one of the men allegedly struck her in the face with his fist. The two would-be robbers apparently left the area.

Madison

Warrant arrests: A Kansas City, Kan., man was arrested on an outstanding felony warrant after he was detained in a "known drug-purchasing" area in Madison early Friday morning.

Danny Vickery, 28, of Kansas City, Kan., was wanted on an outstanding felony warrant from Poplar Bluff, Mo.

He was arrested at about 3:10 a.m. when Madison police saw him at the intersection of Collinsville Avenue and Ewing Street. He told police he was on his way to a friend's house, but could not name the friend. A record check revealed the outstanding warrant.

* Two men were arrested on outstanding warrants at a local tavern early Thursday morning.

Michael Houltz, 26, of St. Louis, and Eric Samuels, 18, of the Viola Jones Homes in Venice, were arrested after Madison city and Madison County officers spotted the pair at Blake's Lounge, 217 Roosevelt.

Houltz was wanted on an armed robbery charge out of Madison County. Samuels was wanted for failure to appear on charges of fleeing police and criminal damage to property.

GC School District passes profile policy

By Mike Hall
Staff writer

The Granite City School District enacted a safety policy Tuesday that includes a profile list that would enable faculty members to help identify students prone to violence.

Granite City School Superintendent Steve Balen said teachers and principals

can familiarize themselves with the list so they will be able to recognize a violent or disturbed student who is contemplating violent actions.

"Our educators will take the list to heart," he said. "That's the only way the district will be able to avoid a real tragedy."

Some of the characteristics on the list include depression, uncontrollable behavior, angry outbursts and mood swings. Balen said that of the 20 characteristics listed, all are important because any could be the key for a faculty member to recognize a potentially violent student.

Balen went on to say that educators in the district have welcomed the student profile list because it will definitely be used by educators to deter violence and assist students who may need guidance.

The Granite City School District received the profile list from the federal government as a way to curtail violence in schools.

According to the policy, staff and administrators should report to their supervisors students who show tendencies toward violence.


At-risk students will be referred for a special assessment to determine the risks they may pose. An evaluation will be necessary, which will consist of a social worker, psychologist, school resource officer and school administrator.

Two evaluation teams will be needed, as well. One will consist of the building principal. He will gather information about the student without conferring with the student.

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Letters to the Editor

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Health care, tourism top priorities Legislature will work to help every citizen

By Rep. Tom Holbrook

Illinois has a new governor and a new legislature. Change always brings uncertainty. It also brings hope for progress.

My hope is that all of us in Springfield can continue to work in a bipartisan manner in the best interest of the citizens of Illinois.

Health care will be a major issue before the Legislature again this year. One of my top concerns is the quality of care that patients receive in HMO systems. I will continue to support measures, such as the Patients Bill of Rights, which put quality first.

Human life is too valuable to be weighed by a penny-pinching insurance bureaucrat hundreds of miles away. The right of patients and doctors to make informed decisions about care should be law.

Economic development will be one of my top priorities this year. I am in a good position to bring jobs to our area through the tourism industry. Millions of people visit the Gateway Arch each year, yet few tourists realize the attractions Metro-East has to offer. As chairman of the Tourism Committee, I will push for measures to expand this untapped resource.

Crime continues to be a major concern for all of us. Last year, I was able to pass legislation to help stop the flow of the drug "crystal meth" into Illinois. This year, I am sponsoring legislation to make it easier to prosecute sex offenders and co-sponsoring a bill to protect children on the Internet.

I am also co-sponsoring legislation to make our schools safer by suspending the driver's license of kids who bring weapons to school.

As a member of the Transportation Committee, I will continue to fight for funding for our roads. Interstate construction and roadway expansion have helped fuel the economic boom for the area. Meeting our growing needs and getting our roads back in shape is essential for moving goods, attracting retail business, and allowing people the freedom to work throughout the region.

Education and education funding were addressed last year with mixed results. This year, I will work with Gov. George Ryan to fulfill his promise of delivering 51 percent of all new tax dollars to our schools.

In addition, last year's school funding bill had some flaws that need to be addressed. Our area's small schools were cheated out of over \$800,000 in funding for improving technology in the classroom. Legislation has been introduced to fix these problems. I fully support these bills and will do my best to ensure they become law.

I'm looking forward to continuing the work I started four years ago, when I was first elected. If you have any state issues you need addressed, please don't hesitate to call me or attend one of the community meetings listed in your local newspaper.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve you.

Tom Holbrook, D-Belleview, is state representative for the 113th District, which includes Granite City.

Sound Off!

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Impeach him twice

If it is true that Bill Clinton has leased even a tiny part of the United States to the Chinese for campaign funds, then he should be doubly impeached.

Remember this one thing: You can't fix stupid Experiences in medicine make me realize Jim White was correct

By Mary K. Spencer

If you have followed my previous columns, you may be aware of a common theme—stupidity.

I began with some of my favorite emergency room clientele, continued with the antics of my teen-agers and finally advanced to the higher level of stupidity as the synonym for popularity.

I would like to wrap up my series of columns by sharing with you some of my greater heights of popularity. Comical situations in the medical field do not always have to arise from the patients. Believe me, we caretakers also have our days when the light is on and nobody's home.

I remember my nursing school, the first time I had to take a blood pressure on a patient. I was so nervous. The instructor had one of those double stethoscopes so we could both put our earspieces into our ears and listen at the same time. I pumped up that cuff and let it out ever so slowly so I wouldn't miss a beat.

I was so upset when I didn't hear a thing. Then I realized I had forgotten to put the ear pieces in my ears.

I also remember a very busy day in the emergency room.

Another nurse and I worked together assessing a patient. He took the blood pressure and I took the temperature and pulse.

When he picked up the chart to record the vital signs, he asked me what I had gotten for a pulse. I replied I had documented it on the chart. He said, "You recorded a blood pressure, and you didn't even take one."

Then there was the time when I had just gotten a puppy and was into puppy training. I went to work that night, and when I reached down to check the patient's pulse, I asked her to give me her paw.

Probably one of my favorite stories is the one of my very first night working in the emergency room. I was scheduled for the evening shift. Naturally, I was nervous, having been a registered nurse for only three years and having no critical care experience. I was confident, however, because I was scheduled with an exceptional LPN whose skills far exceeded mine.

A problem arose when the night shift nurse called in sick that night. They needed a registered nurse to work it. My confidence was nowhere near the stage where I'd agree to work alone in the ER. Ironically, at 6 p.m. a new

physician was scheduled to work until 6 a.m. He was a friendly good ol' boy country doctor. He persuaded me to stay, saying, "We can do this together. If we need something we can't find, you hunt in one direction, and I'll hunt in another."

There was no secretary, and the doctor agreed to even help me register patients. My LPN also encouraged me, stating the nights were always quiet, averaging only two or three patients.

Well, it was that Murphy's Law or what? We set a record of 16 patients that night. The physician was excellent to work with and helped me tremendously, but we really managed to pull a doozy.

One of my patients, an elderly gent named Billy, came into the ER wearing a flannel shirt, trousers and work boots. After I had gotten him into a gown, it appeared he had breasts. I mentioned it to the doctor, and he said it was just sagging skin.

I had called him sir several times, so he handed me his Social Security card and said "Don't laugh, but look at this." On his card under sex it had the initial "F" for female.

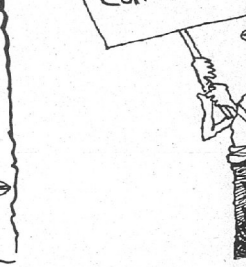
I chuckled and shared this information with the physician, each of us assuming this was a stupid typo error on his card.

Son, remember—it's not always easy to follow the law and do the right thing.



That's why me and many others have said the heck with it.

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Short prayers more effective than long We can easily become distracted, even when chatting

By Jayne Lauer

A man once challenged a friend to solemnly pray the Lord's Prayer from beginning to end without becoming distracted. If the friend could complete the task, the man would give him a horse.

The man eagerly accepted the seemingly simple challenge. He began, "Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name... What color is that horse?"

So, it seems, is my life of prayer. A time set apart each day for silent prayer, free of distraction, is a worthy and meaningful goal. For me, that seems unattainable. Getting up earlier or staying up later is an automatic invitation for being overcome by sleep.

Distractions and responsibilities involving family, work and daily life gobble up the days and evenings. Meal and bedtime prayers with my children are certainly good, but my one-on-one time with God is still lacking.

Part of the answer for me has been what I call the "mini one-to-five-line, whatever-I-am, as-many-times-as-I-can-a-day prayers."

Paul tells us in Colossians

4:2, "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." In 1 Thessalonians 5:17, he tells us to "pray continually." In Philippians 4:6, he gives us further encouragement: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

What do I pray for? Here are some examples: I ask for protection and strength for my husband as he leaves for work; safety for the person changing a tire on the roadside; healing for a person in the ambulance I just passed; protection for myself and my children on snow-covered streets; protection and blessings for my children as they hop out of the van for school; strength to get through the bills and

right beside us each and every day. Talking with God frequently throughout the day as I do helps me to feel that presence more keenly and vividly — to experience God as a loving friend beside me who is aware of every moment in

my life. Perhaps you, too, seek ways to increase your time spent in prayer. Perhaps you've already succeeded in scheduling that special block of time just to pray. Perhaps not.

No matter. Try the mini one-to-five-line, on-the-go, wherever-I-am, as-many-times-as-I-can-a-day prayers today. Pray for the bank teller, the restaurant server and your client. Pray for your child, your spouse, your neighbor and your mail carrier. Pray about a sin, a trouble, a television show or a ball game.

Tell God what's on your mind. He'll be listening, and answering, if you're listening, too.

Jayne Lauer is an Oakville resident who works in marketing and desktop publishing. The views in this column, which is courtesy of the South Side Journal, are not necessarily those of the Suburban Journals.

straight-A report cards; the blessing of a new van; a Christian husband; the faith already instilled in my children; time to write; supportive Christian friends; my own motherhood; large glasses of cold iced tea; an uneventful trip to the dentist; my patience while waiting for a slow, inexperienced checker; cold medicine that works; and sleep.

Some days, I admit, are much more prayer-filled than others. It's easy to begin a conversation with God, only to be distracted by thoughts of the problem or event I am praying about in the first place. By sticking to my short prayers, though, it helps me to momentarily and truly focus and then leave the direction and the answer to the Lord.

We know God is omnipresent right beside us each and every day. Talking with God frequently throughout the day as I do helps me to feel that presence more keenly and vividly — to experience God as a loving friend beside me who is aware of every moment in

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Our best victories in life come from difficult circumstances

The sweetest victories in life come from overcoming hard circumstances.

Life is a testing ground. Great beauty is revealed in wisely enduring the trials we go through. That supernatural, internal beauty is the character of patience, kindness and persistence.

To live this life victoriously and successfully we must continually keep the root of bitterness out of our hearts. We all have trials, and because of them we will

become either embittered old men and women or we will conquer the root of bitterness with forgiving love.

Some people have let bitterness grow so deep, unable to trust, believe or hope again. But the Word of God is true and it says, as reader Dana Wellington of Arnold wrote, "God never gives us more than we can bear, so no matter the test we must trust Him and never doubt Him."

It also says to cast your cares upon Him. That's truly

the only way you can bear all things.

You've heard the saying, "Nip it in the bud." If we don't stop the bitterness that wells up within us through the single action of one individual it becomes like crabgrass. It grows and grows it invades and spoils everything in your life.

The Bible says, "The devil walks about like a roaring lion seeking who he can devour." But the rest of the verse says, "Greater is He that is within

us than he that is within the world."

Look what happens when we give up and get rid of the bitterness — we outsmart the enemy. Let's realize that the trial was only one small incident in our whole life. When we keep it contained to that one small circumstance and pray about it, God will give us the grace to show His love to the person who wronged us. Then we have become mighty conquerors. Do not continue to discuss a

negative situation or mention it again. The more you talk about it the more it stays alive. If someone does something to offend you, return that evil with good.

"Through your column I have found ways to believe that hardship is not as dark and empty as it once seemed," wrote Katie Williams of St. Louis. "I was feeling bitter and couldn't understand how God could make me suffer and go through this difficult time. But now I know He was testing

A New You



Catherine Galasso

my strength and my faith, and I believe I am a stronger person."

Connect with God through prayer. Share your thoughts openly and comfortably with Him. Get so close to God that nothing will offend you. Don't be full of resentment. It will hurt you more than the other person. Let it go and drop it in the sea of forgetfulness. Pray and show overcoming love, for it's written, "Love never fails."

Leave all bitterness, malice and strife behind and rejoice over the wonderful things in your life. There are so many. Be like the love, grace, arms up and outstretched, thanking God for every beautiful thing we have.

This great revelation will give you freedom and renew your youth like the eagle. God is in control. Never be upset with Him for what He allows. He has a reason for all that He does, and it is to bring out the finest in you. There is reassurance always to be found in our Heavenly Father's care.

Dig out the roots of bitterness. Lay the axe to the root of that tree. Let the handle of that axe read, "Faith in God" and "Restore unto me the joy of the Lord."

Swing it and sever that root. When that life-sapping tree falls, in its place comes up the rose of Sharon and lovely lily of the valley. And up above it, in the soft dawn of the sky, the bright and morning star shines upon the beauty of your soul.

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Denham allowed to stay on April ballot

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"There has not been what you would call a harmonious relationship between the village clerk and the police department," she said.

After her testimony, the board voted 2-1 in favor of keeping her as a member. Abel voted no.

During hearings on Denham's candidacy, Cooper argued that because the pages of the petition were not numbered, it was a "fatal"

flaw. He also argued that because Rowden took the papers home, there was a serious question of tampering and Denham should be thrown out.

"When you put the two together, you can come to no other conclusion," he said. "To allow these petitions is to allow any potential candidate to butcher the rules."

Evans argued that Denham made a technical mistake, that state appellate courts have ruled that such mistakes were minor and that throwing him off the ballot would be

"draconian."

"He wasn't trying to perpetrate a fraud, he made a mistake," Evans said. He said it should be left to the voters to decide if it was a "serious" mistake.

"They can take it out on him at election day," he said.

After the 2-1 vote, Abel made a formal statement, saying "I don't know why we make these laws if we're not going to go by them."

The matter can be appealed to the circuit court, which Crouch said he would "very soon."

Police: Rowden DUI arrest not political

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not stop until one of the marked cars passed Crouch. Officers reported that Rowden stepped out of the truck and almost fell down. Rowden allegedly became belligerent after being

repeatedly asked for his drivers license, and made a fist and cocked his arm as if to hit one of the officers.

Officers used pepper spray to subdue Rowden, who was taken to the police station for processing.

At the station, Rowden refused to submit to a blood/alcohol test.

Police said Rowden has at least one prior conviction for DUI and had just recently had his license returned to him.

Rowden was taken to the Madison County Jail and was released Wednesday after posting a cash bond.

Updike charms SIUE crowd

By Sanford J. Schmidt
Staff writer

Author John Updike charmed an audience with a warm smile and a quick wit before his Arts & Issues lecture Thursday night at SIUE.

Updike, 66, acknowledged that if he could choose a dinner companion — living or dead — he would select actress Michelle Pfeiffer or Doris Day.

"I would pick either but not both at once," he said.

He said he admires the looks and intelligence of Pfeiffer and admitted to being in love with Day, who he describes as having "a kind of bounce."

"She was as sexy as one dared to be in the '50s."

Updike appeared before about two dozen Southern Illinois University Edwardsville students and faculty at the Morris University Center before the main event later in the university's Meridian Ballroom.

Updike has written more

than 40 books, which includes novels, short stories, poems and criticism.

He is best known for his series of books whose central character is Harry "Rabbit" Angstrom, whom Updike described Thursday as a character who had "nowhere to go but down" after graduating from high school.

He has won the Pulitzer Prize, the National Book Award, The American Book Award and the National Book Critics Circle Award.

Other well-known works include: "The Coup," "The Witches of Eastwick," "Brazil," "The Centaur," and "In the Beauty of the Lilies."

Updike said his favorite novels are "The Centaur" and "The Coup."

"The Centaur," he said, evokes some of his favorite memories. The novel is a recounting of high school in the style of Greek mythology. "It describes the madness of high school," he said.

"The Coup," he described as antic and funny.

Valentine's Day brings out lover in us all

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but they're kind of picked over," she said. "So I'm going for serious."

Also a traditional last-minute shopper, which she blames on "habit," Maynard said they would finish today.

Store manager Marsha Lowery said they have been "busy" for the past few days, but she didn't expect the "mad rush" of forgetful lovers until Saturday.

She also said the really forgetful ones would start rushing in after church today, Sunday.

Lowery said one of the most popular items are the chocolate-covered strawberries.

Flowers — as usual — are also in demand.

At Shirk & Floral Designs on Pontoon Road, co-owner Carol Pearcey said workers were busy putting together arrangements Friday that would contain an estimated

1,000 roses. She said they would probably go through a similar number the next day too.

This year, she said yellow and hot pink roses were especially in demand.

"Red roses are always the favorite, but we have a lot of colored roses that are popular," she said.

However, she said slightly fewer flowers would be sold because Valentine's Day was on a

Sunday and also because of the President's Day holiday weekend.

"There's a lot of roses on the market right now because a lot of florists cut back because Valentine's Day is on Sunday," she said. "A lot of couples will go away for the weekend or go out to eat."

"We like Valentine's Day when it's during the week," she said. "People buy a lot more flowers during the week."

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Cyclamens

These bear two- to three-inch flowers with petals that sweep up much like butterfly wings. Flowers bloom in shades of pink, red and white above thick, dark green leaves that often have silvery markings.

All of them have rounded, heart-shaped leaves on long stalks and are produced from a corm. The flowers are also produced on stalks which reach above the leaves.

The best environment for these plants is bright, indirect sunlight, with daytime temperatures of 70°F or lower. That must be taken into consideration when giving one as a gift. If your special someone likes to keep the home on the cool side, the cyclamen or Primrose would fit in perfectly. If not, you should opt for another choice, like the African Violet. Read on.

African Violet

Known technically as Saintpaulia, these plants are probably the most popular flowering houseplants in the country, and have been for some time.

They can blossom continuously, bearing clusters of velvety one- to two-inch flowers in pink, blue or purple, as well as

white and bi-colors. These plants usually grow four to six inches tall.

African violets do best in bright, indirect sunlight or in 14 to 16 hours of artificial light per day. They prefer daytime temperatures of 72°F or higher.

Now for a little trivia. Technically, African Violets aren't violets. They're members of the genus Saintpaulia, to which gloxinias are related.

Cinerarias

These popular flowering plants normally have flowers two to three inches across. Most stem from Senecio cruentus and are either varieties or hybrids of this species. As cinerarias grow, they can easily be transplanted to larger pots.

Begonias

Begonias make up the largest genus of plants suitable for indoors. The wax begonia has satiny flowers less than an inch across. They come in white, salmon, pink or rose red, with oval green or reddish leaves as large as four inches. They bloom profusely and can attain heights of 14 inches.

Begonias generally like normal room temperature, between 68°F and 72°F. They need at least four hours of direct sunlight per day from November through March, and should be provided bright, indirect sunlight the rest of the year.

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Morning show madness

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Military News

Raymond Myint
Navy Seaman Apprentice Raymond Myint, the son of Reginald Myint of Granite City, recently graduated from the Basic Enlisted Submarine Course at the Naval Submarine School in Groton, Conn.

The 1998 graduate of Granite City High School joined the Navy in July 1998.

Brian Forshee
Brian Forshee of Granite City has joined the U.S. Army. According to his recruiter, Staff Sgt. Terry Hopkins of the U.S. Army Recruiting Station located in St. Ann, Mo., Pvt. Forshee has received the Army's written guarantee that he will receive training in the job specialty of his choice, cannon crewmember.

Pvt. Forshee, who is a 1991 graduate of Cleveland Military Academy, will have a permanent duty station at Fort

Riley, Kan., reporting for duty Feb. 18.

He is the son of Eugene and Hazel Forshee and is married to Stacey Forshee, all from Granite City.

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Pvt. Denson, who is a 1998 graduate of Rankin Technical College, will take basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., and advanced individual training at Fort Eustis, Va., reporting for duty Feb. 18.

He is the son of Kathleen Denson and the brother of Jina Denson, both from Granite City.

Lori Burns
Air Force Reserve Airman 1st Class Lori Burns has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

Burns is the daughter of Michael and Judy Burns of Granite City. She is a 1995 graduate of Granite City Senior High School.

David Phillips
David Phillips, son of Carol Graves of Forsyth, Mo., has enlisted in the Air Force, according to Sgt. Jay Huddleston, Air Force recruiter located at 111 E. Vandalia St., Collinsville.

Phillips, a 1997 graduate of Cahokia High School, will be earning credits toward an associate in applied sciences degree through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic.

Travers named regional tourism board chair

Craig Travers, general manager of the Casino Queen in East St. Louis, was elected as chairman of the Southwestern Illinois Tourism and Convention Bureau Executive Board of Directors at the annual meeting on Friday, Jan. 29.

Joe Gundlach, community president of Union Planters Bank-Columbia, was also re-elected as vice president. Margot Middleton, an accountant with Diel and Forgunson, was re-elected as secretary-treasurer.

The executive board of the Southwestern Illinois Tourism and Convention Bureau consists of eight members: chairman, vice president and secretary-treasurer, and one ex-officio member, the president-CEO. The executive

board is in place to oversee the financial stability of the bureau.

The Southwestern Illinois Tourism and Convention Bureau, a non-profit corporation with an independent board of directors, promotes Southwestern Illinois as a key tourism region.

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When a recent ice storm hit the area, the number of emergency room patients at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City, swelled faster than a sprained ankle.

Emergency room personnel predicted a heavy load, guessing they would treat 20 patients suffering from falls by the end of the day.

They had treated 20 by noon. By 4:30 p.m., they had treated nearly 40 ice-related injuries. Kathleen Gauen, director of Ambulatory Services, said that many people called the emergency wanting to know whether they should come to the hospital.

When is an emergency worthy of an emergency room visit?

"One woman called and said, 'I fell. My wrist is swollen and it hurts. Do I need an X-ray?' Those types of questions can't be answered over the phone," Gauen said. Gauen offers some suggestions when deciding whether to visit the emergency room.

For the types of injuries resulting from patients who had fallen on the ice, Gauen offers these guidelines:

Does the injury keep the joint or limb from functioning normally? Is there a deformity or major swelling of the area? It's a leg injury, can you stand on it?

She emphasized that many times, the margin in determining an emergency is narrow. In those cases, it's better to go to the emergency room.

In addition, patients would benefit by calling their doctors rather than coming to the emergency room, especially during office hours, she added. Gauen acknowledges that sometimes, patients want to know why they have to wait while others get treated ahead of them. Patients entering the emergency room are assessed, often without their knowledge.

Gauen said that ER triage nurse are trained to do the ABC's of a "quick look," which determines the priority of treatment.

"Nurses do look, although they may not be right there with the patient," they assess a patient's condition, specifically observing the following ABC's: Is the airway clear; is the patient talking?

Breathing: Is the patient struggling to breathe? Circulation: Is the patient's color good or bad?

The presence of blood from an injury alarms many. "A head wound, for example, which bleeds profusely obviously requires treatment. Yet that injury may not be life-threatening. We may delay treating that injury of a patient arrives whose ABCs are not good and requires immediate attention," Gauen said.

St. Elizabeth Medical Center's Emergency Services provide more than on-site services. Staff members are available to discuss emergency guidelines with community groups. The staff present safety guidelines to area grade school students during their Teddy Bear Clinics in the spring.

The medical center offers free First Aid Guides, which discuss symptoms and treatments of more than 20 common health emergencies. For more information about St. Elizabeth Medical Center Emergency Services, call 798-3166.



Eagles giveaway

Granite City Eagles Auxiliary 1126 recently held a drawing for St. Louis team sportswear. Danielle Fiodo won the top prize, a pair of Cardinals tickets and two Mark McGwire Cardinal jerseys. Shown with Fiodo, center, are Nina Jackson, left, Eagles Auxiliary president, and Sharon Hogan, project chair. Sarah Miller, the second-prize winner, was given a Blues jersey and Frances Marcillas, the third-prize winner, won a Rams jacket.

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Two GCHS classes seeking members for reunion

A pair of Granite City high school classes are planning upcoming reunions and are seeking classmates. The Granite City High School graduating class of 1969 will hold its 30-year reunion July 31 at the Collinsville Convention Center.

Members of that class are urged to provide current

addresses to the class reunion committee so that invitations and other information may be mailed soon.

To contact them, please call 877-7756 or email to hellrich@ezl.com by March 1.

The Granite City High School North Class of 1979 is also seeking members for its

20-year reunion later this year.

Some 130 class members are still being searched for by the reunion committee.

Those with information on former classmates not yet contacted may call Laurie (Webb) Brown at 692-4402 or Connie LaVelle at 981-6504.

St. Elizabeth School announces honor roll

The following students at St. Elizabeth School in Granite City earned academic honors during the second quarter of the 1998-99 school year:

Honor Roll

Eighth Grade: Jason Ayran, Courtney Crews, Trisha Dittamore, Julie Dombek, Katie Hatcher, Andrea Mangi, Nick Paskus, Abel Silva, Laura Stanfill.

Seventh Grade: Melanie Mooshegan, Ashley Shambro.

Sixth Grade: Jennifer Agoin, Dennis Bisto, Jeffrey Carney, Tyler Crews, Jenna Ely, Megan Gavlick, Alex Gitchoff, Sara Kromraj, Hannah Kutosky, Steven Lickenbrock, Joe Lofink, Katie Meador, Laura Mills, Susan Ratkiewicz, Natalie Ruessing, Mark Ryan, Lauren Smith.

Fifth Grade: Brytany Buenger, Carey Buton, Michelle Costello, Tasha Dittamore, Courtney Dolina, Jonathan Dombek, Jonathan Dresch, Edward Gensert, Thomas Gordon, Lauryn Kulasza, Jessica Nickle, Jessica Scarborough, Lauren Stoval.

Fourth Grade: Ricky Barnett, Carrie Bisto, Re-essa Buckels, Erin Denap, Jarrod Gruenewald, Alexander Hartwick, Zach Hay, Jasmine Newman, Noelle Wiesehan.

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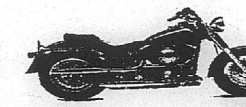
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Feb. 14, For
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CARMIKE PETT
170 and Hwy. 11
344-1708
Payback (R) 2:00
Blast From Th
4:25, 7:05, 9:25
My Favorite Ma
1:10, 9:20
Shogun (PG-13)
9:30

EASTGATE CIN
Casgate Plaza, E. A
Payback (R) 1:10
Sho's All That
6:40
Message in A
4:10, 7:20
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Movie Schedule

Film timetable for Sunday, Feb. 14. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check local theaters.

CARMINE PETITE
179 and Hwy. 157, Collinsville, Ill.
244-1708
Payback (R) 2:05, 4:15, 7:20, 9:35
Blast From The Past (PG-13) 2:00, 4:25, 7:05, 9:25
My Favorite Martian (PG) 2:15, 4:20, 7:10, 9:20
Stepmom (PG-13) 2:10, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

EASTGATE CINE
Eastgate Plaza, E. Alton, Ill. 254-8289
Payback (R) 1:50, 4:40, 7:10
She's All That (PG-13) 1:30, 4:00, 6:40
Message In A Bottle (PG-13) 1:20, 4:10, 7:20
My Favorite Martian (PG) 2:00, 4:30, 6:50
Blast From The Past (PG-13) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00
Shakespeare In Love (R) 1:10, 4:10, 7:30

COTTONWOOD EDWARDSVILLE CINEMA
A Bug's Life (G) 2:15, 7:30
The Faculty (R) 2:30, 7:15
Jack Frost (PG) 2:00, 6:45

LINCOLN THEATER
103 E. Main, Belleville, Ill. 233-0123
The Rugrats Movie (G) 2:00, 7:10, 9:15
The Waterbury (PG-13) 1:30, 7:15, 9:20
Jack Frost (PG) 1:45, 7:00
Enemy Of The State (R) 9:00

NAMEOKI CINEMA
30 Nameoki Village, 877-4630
Stepmom (PG-13) 2:00, 7:00
Varsity Blues (R) 2:15, 7:30

O'FALLIN 15 CINE
1320 Central Park Dr., O'Fallon, Ill. 822-4860
A Simple Plan (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 9:50
At First Sight (PG-13) 2:10, 5:05, 7:55
Rushmore (R) 1:05, 3:05, 5:10, 7:15, 9:20
A Bug's Life (G) 1:20, 3:30, 5:30, 7:40

3:30
In Dreams (R) 9:30
Prince Of Egypt (PG) 1:00, 3:15, 5:45, 8:00
Stepmom (PG-13) 2:15, 5:00, 8:00
Thin Red Line (R) 1:15, 4:45, 8:15
Payback (R) 1:15, 3:25, 5:45, 8:05
My Favorite Martian (PG) 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40
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Message In A Bottle (PG-13) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:45
Message In A Bottle (PG-13) 2:15, 5:20, 8:10

QUAD CINEMA
Belleville, Ill. 233-1226
Payback (R) 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 10:00
Message In A Bottle (PG-13) 1:50, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
My Favorite Martian (PG) 1:45, 4:20, 6:45, 9:00
She's All That (PG-13) 2:15, 4:40, 7:20, 9:40

ST. CLAIR 10
1000 S. Main, 338-4333
Payback (R) 1:40, 4:45, 7:20, 9:30
Blast From The Past (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Blast From The Past (PG-13) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00
Simply Irresistible (PG-13) 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00
A Civil Action (PG-13) 1:35, 4:25, 7:15, 10:15
Varsity Blues (R) 1:20, 4:30, 7:05, 9:25
Patch Adams (PG-13) 2:30, 8:15
Waking Ned Devine (PG) 1:45, 4:15, 7:30, 9:50
Elizabeth (R) 1:25, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Saving Private Ryan (R) 1:10, 4:50, 8:20

SHOWCASE 12 EDWARDSVILLE
6632 Central Grove Rd., 559-7469
Payback (R) 2:10, 5:50, 7:10, 10:00
Message In A Bottle (PG-13) 1:50, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
Varsity Blues (R) 2:40, 5:10, 7:45, 10:05
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Rushmore (R) 1:50, 4:30, 7:00, 9:50
You've Got Mail (PG) 2:00, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15

Horoscope

SUNDAY, FEB. 14
Happy Valentine's Day! Lovers are drawn together by common ideas and the need to feel romantic. It's not the perfect time to propose to your sweetie, as people tend to over-intellectualize things under the Aquarian moon instead of following their heart's dictate. Friends will exchange valentines, and this could start a new kind of relationship.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 14). As soon as you begin counting your blessings, a new bundle of them is heaped into the pile. Shortcuts and easy answers are found next month, but April requires hard work. Relationships in April will help you open up that private side of your life; it's about time you had someone to share it with. Leo and Cancer love you to pieces.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Friends and acquaintances are more available and will go where you lead. Technical matters are vitally important, and you could even be paid for your expertise. Love with a Taurus or Libra is especially lucky now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Devote special time to a child; nothing and no one else can duplicate what you share. An old project can now be put back on track. You can make an attempt to salvage a certain relationship, but won't get an answer now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Ideas that are in the works mean money down the line. It's nice to realize that you are more talented than you

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CANCER (June 22-July 22). A friend is in need of financial aid, and you can help without noting the bill. Imagination and confidence are more important than financial means. Avoid people who don't know what they want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Go full speed ahead on creative projects because they are most likely to bring money to your future. Believe in your ideas. Even if they are only good enough to take you one more step, they are still moving you forward.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A voice from the past brings a positive message but not much real news. Honor a commitment to children or parents. Relatives are in need of financial assistance. You can settle a dispute with a brilliant compromise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Financial decisions affect the dynamics of your love life. Be flexible. People who are married find opportunities to expand their collective horizons. Children are extremely affected by your words, though they won't show it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Big decisions are difficult to make. Collaborate with an unlikely business partner. A relative's answer is unsatisfactory for the moment. Keep asking until you get the answers you need to hear.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Time with a love interest leads to a momentous discovery. Pleasant memories are sustaining at a trying time, but don't get stuck in old patterns. Letting yourself indulge just a bit is better than denying what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A change of environment is beneficial if you can take the time to get away. Avoid spending money before it is made. Neighbors are accommodating, and it's fun to relive past glories with old pals.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You make others feel powerful. Try not to take it personally when a spouse or lover wants to make a decision alone. Financial opportunities come with strings attached. Try to say no with a smile.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Believe it or not, you can use a new position of authority to effect good change. Your family member is worthy of respect and shouldn't have to keep proving it. Try to boost the general morale of the family.

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Valentine, my
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Nan Sweetheart,
This is our seventh
Valentine's Day.
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than the last.
Ed

Gellar's first starring movie vehicle bit less than 'Simply Irresistible'

By Ronnie Roy
Staff writer

You'd think after two years on "Buffy The Vampire Slayer" that Sarah Michelle Gellar would recognize a good script.

Maybe it was the lure of headlining a feature film that drew her to "Simply Irresistible," a romantic comedy that's long on romance but short on comedy.

Gellar stars as Amanda Shelton, owner and chef at a restaurant that's about to go out of business. Amanda's mother, an excellent cook, had built up a nice business, but it had fallen in decline since her death. Amanda lacks her mother's talent in the kitchen. One morning at an outdoor market, Amanda is sold a crab by the mysterious Gene O'Reilly (Christopher Durang), who claims to have known her

mother. While at the market she also encounters Tom Bartlett (Sean Patrick Flanery), a young executive at an upscale department store. He is planning to open an upscale restaurant in the department store.

Coincidence? In a romantic comedy?

Amanda returns to her restaurant and, rather than cook the crab, puts it up on the shelf. Good thing, as the crab apparently has magic powers, and Amanda's cooking ability improves dramatically.

Back at the department store, Tom's girlfriend Chris (Amanda Peet) shows up and Tom takes her to lunch. The cab, driven by the mystery man from the market, drops them off in front of Amanda's restaurant, instead of where they were going to go.

Amanda cooks up their meal, which causes Tom to

doodle with delight, but makes Amanda begin throwing dishes and smearing food all over Tom's face. Scratch one inconvenient relationship.

Amanda is attracted to Tom, so the next day she goes to his department store to replace her dishes. She brings along some special eclairs, and soon they're dancing in the unfurnished dining room, complete with band, oblivious to Tom's boss and anyone else in the room.

Meanwhile, business at Amanda's restaurant is booming as word of mouth of her cooking talents gets around. Amanda is strangely unconcerned about her new skills, or the effect her food is having on people.

Tom, however, begins to suspect something is wrong. Especially when he goes to her restaurant late one night and the two of them end up floating to the ceiling while kissing.

He thinks she's a witch, and breaks off their relationship. She goes to his office to return his wallet.

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Obituaries

George Botkin

GEORGE "BILLY" W. BOTKIN, 71, of Granite City, died Wednesday, Feb. 10, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mr. Botkin was born July 21, 1927, in Hillsboro, Mo., retired from Trans World Airlines and was a member of the American Legion and the Protestant faith. Mr. Botkin was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Betty (Hoese) Botkin; three stepchildren, Alan Dunscomb of Granite City, Brenda Dunscomb of Mitchell and Mark Dunscomb of Glen Carbon; and six step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

No services will be held. Mr. Botkin's remains were cremated.

Mercer Mortuary handled the arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Alpha Cliner

ALPHA V. CLINER, 85, of Granite City, died Thursday, Feb. 11, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mrs. Cliner was born Nov. 9, 1913, in Granite City. She was a housewife and a member of Word of Life Tabernacle.

Survivors include her sons, Eugene Martin and John Pellazari Jr., both of Granite City; three daughters, Geraldine Nelson, Glen, and Iona Holman; one sister, Zeima Grisham; and two brothers, Rudy Waber of Granite City, 26 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Cliner; her parents, Henry and Clarice (Brookshire) Kohensky; three daughters, Louise McCuanahan, Shirley Turner, and Iona Holman; one sister, Zeima Grisham; and two brothers, Rudy Waber and Varner Kohensky.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15, at Word of Life Tabernacle, with the Rev. Henry Crippen officiating. Burial will be in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, at Word of Life Tabernacle, with the Rev. Henry Crippen officiating. Burial will be in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association or the APA.

Dorothy Cripps

DOROTHY (HART) CRIPPS, 73, of Stanton, formerly of Granite City, died Thursday, Wednesday, Feb. 11, 1999, at Christian Hospital Northeast in St. Louis County.

Mrs. Cripps was born Aug. 5, 1925, in Bonne Terre, Mo. She was a retired cook from Orgill Transport in Cincinnati.

Survivors include her son, Wayne Grayson of Energy; two daughters, Sandy Grayson of Eldorado and Robin Richardson of Stanton; one granddaughter, Rachel Friedel of Granite City; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Edna (McDaniel) Hurt; and one sister, Jean Volez.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. today, Sunday, Feb. 14, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Greg Shelton officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association or the APA.

John Gagli

JOHN N. GAGLI, 76, of Granite City, died Wednesday, Feb. 10, 1999, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

Mr. Gagli was born Dec. 11, 1922, in Alton. He retired from TRC-SOM as director of data processing

and had worked for Home Quarters and Central Hardware. Mr. Gagli graduated from Saint Louis University and was a member of Granite City Eagles Lodge 1126 and the Serbian Orthodox Church.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara (Matthews) Gagli; two sons, John Gagli of Glen Carbon, and Thomas Gagli of Granite City; two daughters, Karen Gagli of Chicago, and Gayle Gagli-Huskey of Belleville; one brother, Dusan Gagli of Granite City; four grandchildren, John Hesselndt and Nicole Huskey, both of Belleville, and Bryan Gagli and Lauren Gagli, both of Glen Carbon; and one grandson.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Julia Kubashe; his father and stepmother, Bogdan and Kristina (Dukich) Gagli; and one sister, Helen Gagli.

Services were held Saturday, Feb. 13, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. F. Thomas Succarotte officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association and American Lung Association.

Shane Greer

SHANE GREER, 32, of Camdenton, Mo., formerly of Belleville, died Saturday, Feb. 6, 1999.

Mr. Greer was born Jan. 5, 1967, in East St. Louis. He was a production assembly worker for Bud Allen Plastics Company in Camdenton, Mo., and was a 1985 graduate of Belleville Township High School West.

Survivors include his children, Vincent Greer, Jordan Greer, and Keith Greer, all of Tilden; his mother, Debbie (Helt) Austin of Savannah, Tenn.; two sisters, Shari Greer of Granite City and Kimberly Austin of Belleville; one brother, Jason Austin of Savannah, Tenn.; and his maternal grandmother, Lucille Reeder of Camdenton, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Donald Reeder.

Services were held Friday, Feb. 12, at Kasky Mortuary Chapel in Fairview Heights, with the Rev. Hal Suttles officiating. Burial was in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Belleville.

Donald Holt Sr.

DONALD L. HOLT SR., 58, of Granite City, died Tuesday, Feb. 9, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mr. Holt was born Aug. 31, 1940, in St. Louis. He was a retired truck driver and a member of the Lutheran faith. Mr. Holt was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during Vietnam.

Survivors include his wife, Joan (Lundman) Holt, whom he married Jan. 8, 1961; his children, Donald Holt Jr. of St. Louis, Robin Holt of Granite City, and Lisa Holt of Ridge, Mo.; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marvin and Matt (Morgan) Holt; one son, Brian D. Holt; two brothers, Clarence and Marvin; and two sisters, Edna and Helen.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Feb. 13, at Grace Baptist Church Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon. Thomas Memorial Mortuary handled the arrangements.

Mike Mejaski

MIKE J. MEJASKI, 81, of Granite City, died Thursday, Feb. 11, 1999, at his residence.

Mr. Mejaski was born Aug. 3, 1917, in Granite City. He was retired from Granite City Steel, from the Open Hearth division, and was a member of the Catholic faith. Mr. Mejaski was a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Bernice (Reedy) Mejaski; three daughters, Carol Lassio of Florissant, Mo., and Lois Woods and Ruth Novack, both of Granite City; one half-sister, seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Marie (Pavlovic) Mejaski; and one brother and one sister.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, Feb. 14, at Werner Chapel, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach.

Services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 15, at the funeral home, with the Rev. Frances Tebague officiating. Burial will be in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Madison County.

Adam Prusak

ADAM J. PRUSAK, 83, of Madison, died Thursday, Feb. 11, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mr. Prusak was born Nov. 14, 1915, in Madison. He was retired from Terminal Railroad and was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran.

Survivors include his brother, Prusak Prusak of Granite City; and one sister, Lorraine Filcott of Madison.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Stanley and Julia (Rams) Prusak; one brother, Edward Prusak; and one sister, Bernice Davis.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, Feb. 14, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 15, at the funeral home, with the Rev. Tom Leiber officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to the masses.

Mary Strong

MARY (MARSHALL) STRONG, 84, of Collinsville, died Monday, Feb. 8, 1999, at Collinsville Care Center.

Mrs. Strong was born Oct. 25, 1914, in Kirbytown, Ky. She was a homemaker and a member of St. John's Catholic Church.

Survivors include her sons, Thomas Strong of Collinsville and James Strong of Granite City; two daughters, Linda Suess of Florissant, Mo., and Karen Blair of Carlyle, one sister, Audie Tucker of Caseyville, 16 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Louis Strong; her parents, William and Lawrence Doyle; four brothers, Leonard, Rube, Claude and Charles Marshall; two sisters, Daisy Rust and Marie Edwards; and one great-grandchild.

Services were held Friday, Feb. 12, at Toberman Funeral Home in Coffeen, with the Rev. Karl Schmidt officiating. Burial was in St. John's Catholic Cemetery in Coffeen.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Catholic Church or in the form of Masses.

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Pontoon Beach utility tax revised for fourth time

Bad sentence culprit this time around

By Scott Cousins Staff writer

The utility tax ordinance for Pontoon Beach was revised yet again at Tuesday's meeting.

PONTON BEACH

The ordinance sets the rate of the utility tax, one of the village's major sources of revenue.

Since it was revised last April because of utility deregulation, it has undergone at least three other revisions.

The latest revision was taking out a sentence referring to an Illinois statute and a date.

Mayor Glen Wilson said the action was taken at the request of Illinois Power.

"They just took out a sentence that was in there," he said. "We've amended that three or four times, I've kind of lost track."

Late last month, the village redid the ordinance to incorporate a new rate structure given to them by

Illinois Power.

The new tax structure runs from .4994 cents per kilowatt hour for the first 2,000 kilowatt hours used to .24 cents per kilowatt hour for businesses using more than 20 million kilowatt hours per month.

The first revision came almost immediately after the new ordinance was approved in April, when village officials discovered that the decimal point had been inadvertently left out of the tax rates. The basic rate should have been .5383 per kilowatt-hour, but by leaving the decimal point out, it read .5383 cents, or .5383.

For a home using 2,000 kilowatt-hours per month, the tax should have been \$10.77. However, without the decimal point, the tax would have been \$107,660.

The board also approved the final plat for the Emerald Meadows subdivision.

Village Engineer John Hales said in a letter to the board that the developers

have completed all of the street and storm drainage improvements and that funds for the sanitary sewer system have been placed into escrow.

The development is located between Illinois Road 162, Horseshoe Lake Road and Lake Drive, and construction has begun on structures.

The board also heard several complaints from residents about chronic flooding.

Several board members and village officials recently attended a workshop on an upcoming U.S. Army Corps of Engineers study to deal with flooding in the American Bottoms and said that improvements would probably be coming soon.

Wilson also directed the residents to talk to members of the recently formed village stormwater committee.

Johnson gets 2 years in Fantasyland money case

By Scott Cousins Staff writer

Former Madison resident Edward Everett Johnson, 33, now of St. Louis, has been sentenced to 2½ years in federal prison for his role in money laundering at Fantasy Messages and Fantasyland Massage Parlor in Brooklyn.

U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois W. Charles Grace said Johnson must also pay a \$500 fine.

Johnson is the son of co-defendant Everett O. Baker, who in December was found guilty of 15 counts of money laundering, one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering and five counts of engaging in monetary transactions in excess of \$10,000 involving proceeds of unlawful activity in connection with

prostitution at the businesses.

Johnson had pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering in October.

In April 1997, Johnson took over the operation from his father, about four months after search warrants were executed at the businesses.

From April through September 1997, Johnson deposited approximately \$239,000 in prostitution proceeds in an account.

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Community Calendar

Editor's Note: This week's Community Calendar contains items for the week of Feb. 14-20. Groups that meet every week will be listed the first and third weeks of the month only.

Health/Exercise

ST. ELIZABETH MEDICAL CENTER is helping the American Red Cross in blood drives on a regular basis in Pasco Hall, St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Everyone is urged to give; however, type O is particularly needed.

To become a donor, you must weigh 110 pounds or more and be 17 years old. In Illinois, 16-year-olds may give blood with a signed Red Cross permission form.

Organizations

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS, CHAPTER 1340, holds regular meetings at Nelson Hagnauer Township Hall in Granite City. Meetings discuss issues and other subjects of interest to seniors. All those 50 and over are welcome to attend or join. If you have questions, please call 877-1215 from 9 a.m. to noon weekdays.

EAGLES AUXILIARY 1126 BINGO is held every Sunday afternoon at the Nemo Bingo Center. Early bird coverall begins at 1 p.m., with 22 games, two color raffles, pull tabs, speedballs, computers and bonuses.

GRANITE CITY BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN meet at Jerry's Cafeteria. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month, followed by a program at 7:15. Open to the public. For more information, call 452-6391 or 451-0914.

NOON NETWORKING FOR WOMEN, third Wednesday of each month, noon to 1 p.m., Ramada Inn in Fairview Heights. Cost is \$10 (no annual dues). Please feel free to bring your business cards and brochures. Bring a friend and get \$4 off your next lunch at Noon Networking.

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, a hereditary group for descendants over age 12 of Confederate veterans, meets every third Thursday of every month at Ravanelli's Restaurant in Granite City. Call 877-3065 for more information.

THE SARAH AND BORCAS CIRCLES OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP meet at 9:30 a.m. the third Thursday of each month. For more information and/or meeting location, call Helen Stumpe at 931-2098.

THE RUTH CIRCLE OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP meets at 7 p.m. the third Thursday of each month. For more information and/or meeting location, call Helen Stumpe at 931-2098.

LYDIA CIRCLE OF NAMEKIL United Methodist Church meets at 1 p.m. the third Thursday of each month. For more information, please call 877-1936.

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL meets from 7 to 9 p.m. the first, third and fifth Tuesday of the month at Shoney's, Highway 157 (94 Commerce Drive), Collinsville. Come join us for better communication and leadership skills. For more information call 692-6666, or 344-2898.

BURT - BUBBLEMASTERS UNDERWATER RESCUE TEAM meets at 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at 4964 Old Alton Road next to the Mitchell Fire Protection Department. Tours are available by appointment, 931-8317 or write to the above address.

NEW HOPE CHAPTER 432 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR meets at 8 p.m. the first and third Fridays of each month at Masonic Temple, 1940 Cleveland Blvd. in Granite City.

TRIPLE LODGE 835 A.F. and A.M. meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Masonic Temple, 1940 Cleveland Blvd. in Granite City.

Seniors

PONTOON BEACH SENIOR CITIZENS meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at 3910 Highway 111, Pontoon Beach.

Support Groups

PARENTS ANONYMOUS GROUP, meets 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. the first and third Thursday of each month. For information on where meeting will be held, call Elaine Searcy at 452-2714 or Lyle Cabbler at 876-2382.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the third Thursday of each month, in the President's Room, inside Bonaventure's Cafeteria, on the ground floor of St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave. The group focuses on addressing the questions and concerns of caregivers and family members of people with Alzheimer's. All meetings are open to community members. Call 798-3018 for more information.

RIVERS OF WATER WORSHIP CENTER SUPPORT GROUP, meets 9:30 to 11 a.m. the first and third Saturday of each month at 1807 Madison Ave., Madison. To comfort and restore, group membership is open to all who are "broken." — at no cost. Worship service will follow.

each third Saturday at 11:30 a.m. For more information, call 341-3643 or 656-7831.

OBSESSIVE/COMPULSIVE DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP, meets at 10 a.m. the third Saturday of each month, at Von Gontard Conference Center at St. John's Mercy Medical Center, 615 South New Ballas Road. Meeting is free and open to OCD patients, family and friends. For more information call (314) 842-7228.

PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP, 3 to 4:30 p.m., third Sunday of each month, at Central Christian Church, 2020 Johnson Road, Granite City. The group, men only, will meet in the church's Terrace Room, enter through the Fellowship Hall door on the east side of the building. There is no charge. For more information phone Roger Zollars, any evening, at 656-5438.

LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS SUPPORT GROUP, sub-chapter of Illinois Lupus Foundation, 7:30 p.m., third Tuesday of each month, Memorial Hospital auditorium, Belleville, 233-7750, extension 5960.

PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN, St. Louis Chapter, 8 to 10 p.m., the third Tuesday of each month at the American Cancer Society Building, 4201 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis. For more information call 452-2149 or (314) 391-2230.

SPOUSE SUPPORT GROUP, sponsored by Namekili United Methodist Church, meets the third Tuesday of each month. For meeting time and place, call the church at 877-1936.

School Menus

Week of Feb. 15-19

Granite City Public Schools

MONDAY, Feb. 15
Breakfast: Pop Tarts, orange wedges, milk;
Lunch: Pizza, tossed salad with light dressing, pineapple chunks, milk.

TUESDAY, Feb. 16
Breakfast: Cinnamon Tassies, raisins, milk;
Lunch: Barbecue rib on deli bun, baked beans, pear halves, milk.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 17
Breakfast: Sausage patty, biscuit and jelly, sliced peaches, milk; Lunch: Beef and bean taco with lettuce and cheese, Spanish rice, mixed vegetables, slice of bread, apple wedges, milk.

THURSDAY, Feb. 18
Breakfast: Cereal, toast and jelly, banana, milk; Lunch: Baked turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, cherry cobbler, milk.

FRIDAY, Feb. 19
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, apricots, milk; Lunch: Tomato soup with crackers, grilled cheese sandwich, mixed fruit, milk.

Madison Public Schools

MONDAY, Feb. 15
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Ravioli and meat sauce, corn, pineapple

chunks, bread, pizza, milk.
TUESDAY, Feb. 16
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, milk; Lunch: Meat loaf, whipped potatoes, green beans, gelatin, bread, hot dog on bun, milk.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 17
Breakfast: Sausage, pancake, milk; Lunch: Hot ham and cheese on hoagie bun, potato salad, baked beans, low-fat yellow cake, hamburger on bun, milk.

THURSDAY, Feb. 18
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Lasagna with ground beef, French bread, spinach, mixed fruit, pizza, milk.

FRIDAY, Feb. 19
Breakfast: Eggs, toast, milk; Lunch: Chili crispito, lettuce and tomato, apple crisp, fish sandwich, milk.

St. Elizabeth School

MONDAY, Feb. 15
Lunch: Hamburger on bun, potato wedges, carrots, orange slices, milk.

TUESDAY, Feb. 16
Lunch: Fat Tuesday Special: Toasted ravioli, green beans, fruit, blueberry square, milk.

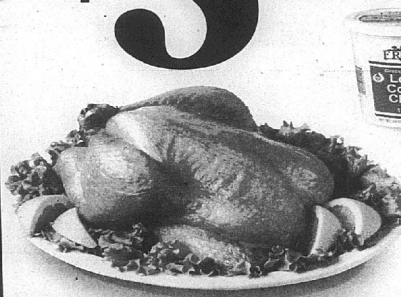
WEDNESDAY, Feb. 17
Lunch: Ash Wednesday: Nachos and cheese, corn, garlic bread, peaches, milk.

THURSDAY, Feb. 18
Lunch: Hard-shell taco, mixed vegetables, garlic bread, peaches, milk.

FRIDAY, Feb. 19
Lunch: Cheese pizza, peas, mixed fruit, milk.

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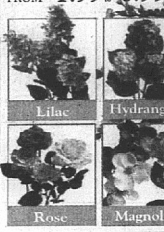
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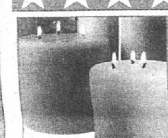
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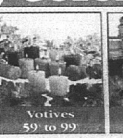
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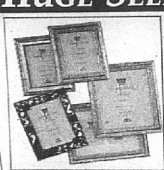
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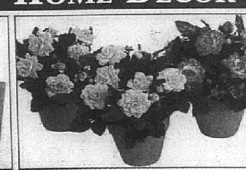
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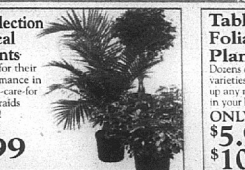
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Sports

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Omission is hard to swallow

First CM lawsuit missed top issue

Must be a lot of partying going on in Bethalto.

First, I learned of nine Civic Memorial High School football players suspended for attending a party last fall, and now there's reference to golf team members and alcohol.



Art Voellinger
Sports Views

Dennis Rucker, the Bethalto district superintendent, said a total of 46 students were suspended from CM over the past five years for violating the code of conduct, which prohibits use of alcohol on or off campus. Reportedly, Rucker indicated that members of several teams, including the drill squad and cheerleaders, were caught. Regardless if 46 is high or low in comparison with other Southwestern Illinois schools, there are a few other things about Bethalto matters that caught my attention.

Regarding those football players who were allowed to play the final two games of last season, thanks to a ruling by Madison County Circuit Judge Phillips Kardis, why was "property right" the only issue considered? Kardis ruled that the players had a "minimal property right" to play in the games because some of them were eligible for college scholarships and their exclusion from the games could damage their future.

However, after the school board won its appeal (Feb. 5) in the Fifth District Appellate Court in Mt. Vernon, the players' attorney Robert Ramsey refuted a suit.

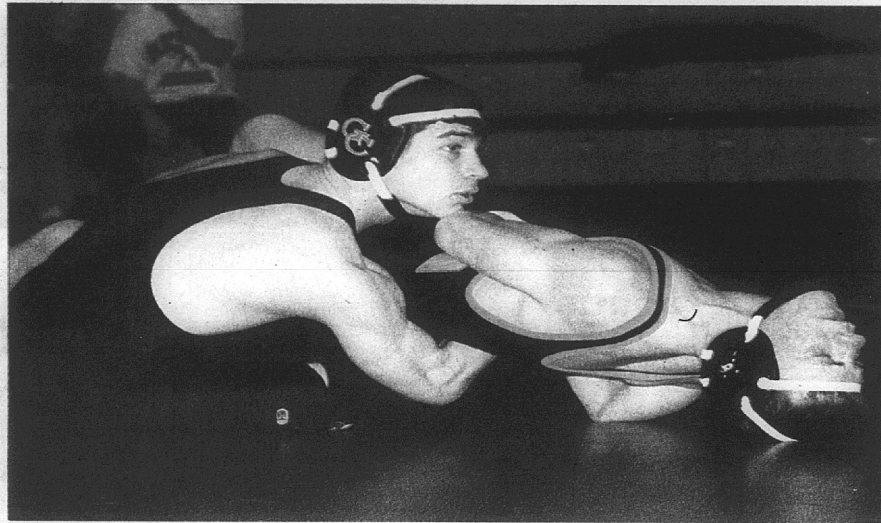
This time Ramsey complained that the school district acted "arbitrarily capriciously," something included in the original suit but never addressed by Kardis.

Ramsey said some of the golfers at another party behaved just like the football players had, but only the gridgers were disciplined.

My dictionary refers to capricious as "impulsive and unpredictable." Black's Law Dictionary fifth edition under the category of due process of law notes, "This constitutional guaranty demands only that law shall not be unreasonable, arbitrary or capricious."

Ramsey was quoted as saying, "We've never quibbled with the right of a school to discipline

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Paul Balliarson photo

Granite City wrestler Paul Johnson (top) won an IHSA Class AA sectional championship for 125-pound wrestlers last weekend in Jerseyville.

Johnson not easily intimidated

By Rick Broome
 Staff writer

Granite City finally lost a regular-season wrestling match this year.

After 130 straight dual-match wins, the Warriors dropped a 40-18 loss to defending IHSA Class AA state champ

New Lenox Providence.

Paul Johnson was one of the Warriors wrestlers who lost against New Lenox Providence — to 125-pound standout Sean Chinski.

"He got beat, he gave up a lot of points, but he wrestled very hard, very physical," Granite City coach Mike Garland said. "He lost his match, but I think he won the battle. The Providence

kid was pretty beat up. I'd rather have the victory in the war than the battle, but he still wrestled hard."

Johnson's season has progressed thereafter without a hitch.

At the IHSA Class AA regional Feb. 6 in Jerseyville, Johnson won the 125-pound

See JOHNSON, Page 3B

Warriors swept in playoffs

Chaminade tops Granite City in Mid-States

By Rick Broome
 Staff writer

The Granite City Warriors had their Mid-States Club Hockey Association season ended by Creve Coeur (Mo.) Chaminade last Monday night.

The Flyers hammered Granite City 14-1 in the second game of a first-round Mid-States series. Chaminade also had won the opening game of the series.

Ty Suhre and Donnie Dickerson connected for Granite City's only goal. Suhre stole the puck and he and Dickerson went in on a two-on-one. Suhre fed it to Dickerson and the freshman one-timed a shot that found the back of the net.

"It was nice to see a freshman get the goal," Granite City coach Dave Turkovich said.

But Chaminade quickly put the game out of reach. Brian Reese, who had minded the nets brilliantly in the first game on Feb. 6, came down with a case of the flu and couldn't play Monday. Steve Wojciechowski stepped into the breach and got shelled.

See WARRIORS, Page 3B

Dittman battled injuries to contribute for Warriors

By Rick Broome
 Staff writer

It was just two points in Granite City's 67-50 triumph against Alton last Monday night.

Nothing major: just two points in the fourth quarter of a Warriors victory.

But for Granite City senior Liz Dittman, the basket marked the completion of a long comeback from injury. And it made the Senior Night victory even more special for Dittman and her teammates.

Dittman, a forward, has sat on the bench for the better part of the past two seasons with a serious knee injury. She tore her anterior cruciate ligament in April of 1997. As a sophomore playing soccer for the Warriors, Dittman was injured in a game against Belleville West about halfway through the season.

The road to Wellville has been strewn with potholes.

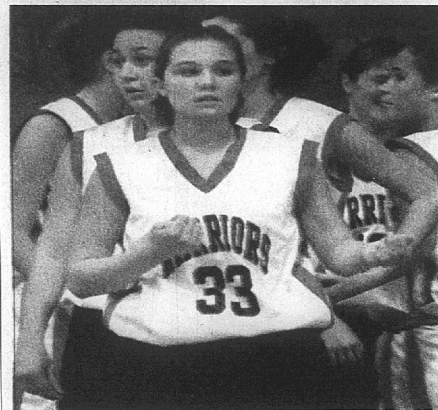
"I had surgery in June (of 1997) and they did ACL reconstruction," Dittman said. "I was out six or eight months and I had to miss my basketball season my junior year (1997-98) because I couldn't play or do anything."

"I spent a whole summer and all through basketball season rehabbing. I could finally play right when (the 1998) soccer season started my junior year and after that I was OK."

But Dittman injured her knee again before the start of the 1998-99 basketball season. "I hurt it again this year — right at the beginning of basketball season — playing indoor soccer," she said. "I just twisted it or strained it and they told me I had to stay off of it."

"I had to have an MRI and make sure everything was still OK and it was, so they told me I could play as long as I wore my brace. It's real sensitive to everything."

See DITTMAN, Page 3B



Tim Stephenson photo

Granite City senior Liz Dittman missed most of the past two seasons with injuries.



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Sports

Kahoks use depth in the post to wear down foes

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Collinsville High coach Steve McFall likes to think the Kahoks have four strong inside players. Metro East coaches have four strong about 6-foot-1 senior Autumn Dow and 6-4 junior Amy Loftus. However, the Kahoks' unsung weapons are 5-9 sophomores Deanne Trost and Katie Vielfu.

Dow has been among the Metro East's top scorers from the start of the season and she credits Loftus, Trost and Vielfu.

When the Kahoks began the season with Loftus on the bench with a broken foot, Dow saw double- and triple-team defenses but Trost and Vielfu contributed key points, rebounds and defensive work.

"Katie Vielfu gives us passing, rebounding and defense," Collinsville coach Steve McFall said. "Trost is

Loftus' return gives Collinsville four post players

very athletic. She gives us offense. They are the two hardest-working kids in the program. It is nothing for Katie to stay one hour after practice to shoot. Deanne has never had a bad practice. I wouldn't trade our two sophomores for anything.

"They are not as big as some people but they will make up for it with hard work. Their skill level is better than a lot of people we play."

"If Autumn and Amy get into foul trouble, Katie and Deanne step into the gap and we don't miss a beat. Both are very team oriented."

The Kahoks advanced to 18-7 last Tuesday with a victory against Central. They had won 10 of 11 games — losing only to East St. Louis — heading into Friday's regular season finale with Alton.

A big reason for that 10-1 streak

since Christmas has been the return of Loftus. She is averaging 9.7 points per game since coming back from an injury.

"We decided she was going to learn on the floor," said McFall, in his first season at the helm. "Her offense is coming around but she has done a nice job since she has been back. She is really improving. She's learning to pass, which really helps us in our high-low game. She an excellent shot blocker. She's got a real sense of timing."

"Amy gives us size without a doubt. She is one of the best rebounders in the area."

Collinsville Kahoks

SCORING STATS
Autumn Dow
Amy Loftus
Katie Vielfu
Deanne Trost
Katie Vielfu
Alicia Wibiemo
Daniel Brown
Stephanie Rogers
Caiti Fischer
Caiti Saka
TOTALS

7:30 p.m.	Game 4: Triad (15) at Salem (2), 7:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m.	Game 5: Paris (10) at Chatham-Glenwood (7), 7:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m.	Game 6: Civic Memorial (12) at Mattoon (3), 7:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m.	Game 7: Highland (11) at Edwardsville (6), 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 18	Game 8: Winner game 1 at Taylorville (1), 7:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m.	Game 9: Winner game 2 vs. Winner game 3, 7:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m.	Game 10: Winner game 4 vs. Winner game 5, 7:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m.	Game 11: Winner game 6 vs. Winner game 7, 7:30 p.m.

ISHS Class AA Girls Playoff Pairings

Taylorville regional-Sectional (seeds in brackets)

Feb. 15	Game 1: Granite City (9) at Jerseyville (8), 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 15	Game 2: Alton (14) at Collinsville (4), 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 15	Game 3: Effingham (13) at Charleston (5), 7:30 p.m.

Game 11: Winner game 6 vs. Winner game 7, 7:30 p.m.	Feb. 22	At Taylorville High
Game 12: Winner game 8 vs. Winner game 9, 8 p.m.		
Game 13: Winner game 10 vs. Winner game 11, 7:30 p.m.		
	Feb. 25	At Taylorville High
Game 14: Winner game 12 vs. Winner game 13, 7:30 p.m.		

MVCHA results

Schedules for local teams in the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association. Rinks listed below in parentheses are: FH — the U.S. Ice Sports Complex in Fairview Heights; EA — East Alton; GC — Granite City; CA — Cahokia.

ALTOFF CRUSADERS Overall record (13-6-2)

November	16 vs. Belleville East (FH).....W 7-2
	22 vs. Alton (EA).....L 0-2
	28 vs. Roxana (EA).....W 10-3
	29 vs. O'Fallon (FH).....L 2-3
December	5 vs. Belleville West (FH).....W 2-0
	6 vs. Marquette (EA).....W 3-1
	13 vs. Collinsville (FH).....W 4-1
	14 vs. Cahokia (FH).....W 4-1
	22 vs. Edwardsville (FH).....W 5-1
	23 vs. Granite City (FH).....L 1-3
	29 vs. Belleville East (EA).....W 3-1
January	3 vs. Alton (FH).....L 1-4
	10 vs. Roxana (EA).....W 4-0
	16 vs. O'Fallon (FH).....L 1-1
	19 vs. Belleville West (FH).....W 4-2
	19 vs. Alton-Marquette (EA).....W 4-1
	23 vs. Civic Memorial (EA).....W 5-2
	24 vs. Collinsville (FH).....W 3-2
	30 vs. Cahokia (CA).....W 4-1
February	3 vs. Granite City (FH).....L 4-5
	6 vs. Civic Memorial (FH).....L 1-4
	13 vs. Edwardsville (EA).....L 4 p.m.

BELLEVILLE EAST LANCERS Overall record (6-12-3)

November	14 vs. O'Fallon (FH).....L 2-7
	16 vs. Alton (FH).....L 2-7
	21 vs. Cahokia (CA).....L 1-4
	24 vs. Civic Memorial (FH).....W 2-4
	29 vs. Alton-Marquette (EA).....W 3-1
December	5 vs. Collinsville (FH).....W 6-3
	6 vs. Alton (FH).....W 4-3
	13 vs. O'Fallon (FH).....L 2-9
	20 vs. Belleville West (FH).....L 1-4
	21 vs. Granite City (FH).....W 5-2
	27 vs. Edwardsville (EA).....L 0-2
	28 vs. Alton (FH).....L 1-3
January	3 vs. Cahokia (FH).....L 4-4
	7 vs. Civic Memorial (EA).....L 0-4
	10 vs. Alton-Marquette (FH).....L 2-2
	19 vs. Collinsville (FH).....L 4-4
	23 vs. Roxana (FH).....W 7-2
	24 vs. Alton (EA).....L 0-5
	27 vs. Granite City (GC).....L 1-6
February	1 vs. Belleville West (FH).....L 1-6
	7 vs. Edwardsville (FH).....L 3-8
	11 vs. Roxana (EA).....7:15 p.m.

BELLEVILLE WEST MAROONS Overall record (11-9-1)

November	17 vs. Cahokia (FH).....L 2-4
	22 vs. Collinsville (FH).....L 0-3
	24 vs. Edwardsville (FH).....W 5-3
	29 vs. Civic Memorial (FH).....W 5-1
December	5 vs. Alton (FH).....L 0-2
	7 vs. Alton-Marquette (FH).....W 5-0
	12 vs. Alton (EA).....W 3-1
	13 vs. O'Fallon (FH).....L 0-3
	19 vs. Granite City (GC).....W 4-1
	20 vs. Belleville East (FH).....W 4-1
	26 vs. Cahokia (CA).....W 2-0
	27 vs. Roxana (EA).....W 8-5
January	3 vs. Collinsville (FH).....L 1-5
	7 vs. Edwardsville (EA).....W 3-1
	12 vs. Alton (FH).....W 5-0
	17 vs. Alton-Marquette (EA).....L 0-1
	23 vs. Alton (EA).....W 5-2
	24 vs. O'Fallon (FH).....L 1-3
	30 vs. Granite City (FH).....L 2-3
February	1 vs. Belleville East (FH).....W 6-1
	17 vs. Roxana (EA).....W 5-0
	14 vs. Civic Memorial (EA).....7:15 p.m.

CAHOKIA COMANCHES Overall record (6-10-4)

November	15 vs. Alton-Marquette (EA).....L 3-4
	17 vs. Belleville West (EA).....L 4-4
	21 vs. Belleville East (CA).....W 4-1
	28 vs. Granite City (CA).....L 2-2
December	6 vs. O'Fallon (CA).....W 3-0
	6 vs. Civic Memorial (EA).....L 2-4
	12 vs. Roxana (CA).....W 4-1
	14 vs. Alton (FH).....L 1-1
	19 vs. Alton-Marquette (CA).....L 1-3
	20 vs. Edwardsville (EA).....L 4-5
	26 vs. Belleville West (CA).....W 4-1
	27 vs. Collinsville (FH).....W 4-3
January	2 vs. Alton (CA).....L 2-5

COLLINSVILLE KAHOKS Overall record (10-9-2)

November	12 vs. Alton-Marquette (EA).....L 3-8
	17 vs. O'Fallon (FH).....L 3-5
	22 vs. Belleville West (FH).....W 3-0
	23 vs. Cahokia (CA).....L 2-4
	24 vs. Granite City (FH).....W 6-3
	30 vs. Roxana (FH).....L 1-2
December	5 vs. Belleville East (FH).....L 3-6
	6 vs. Alton (FH).....W 3-1
	12 vs. Edwardsville (EA).....L 2-5
	13 vs. Alton (FH).....L 4-5
	27 vs. Cahokia (FH).....L 3-4
	30 vs. O'Fallon (FH).....L 1-7
January	3 vs. Belleville West (FH).....W 5-1
	6 vs. Granite City (GC).....W 7-2
	10 vs. Roxana (EA).....L 1-2
	15 vs. Belleville East (FH).....L 4-4
	17 vs. Alton (FH).....L 2-3
	19 vs. Edwardsville (FH).....L 2-5
	24 vs. Alton (FH).....L 2-3
February	2 vs. Alton-Marquette (FH).....W 5-3
	6 vs. Cahokia (CA).....W 2-1
	11 vs. Civic Memorial (EA).....W 5-2
	13 vs. Civic Memorial (FH).....4:15 p.m.

EDWARDSVILLE TIGERS Overall record (10-7-4)

November	19 vs. Granite City (EA).....L 3-4
	22 vs. O'Fallon (FH).....W 1-0
	24 vs. Belleville West (FH).....W 3-2
	29 vs. Alton (EA).....L 1-4
December	5 vs. Roxana (FH).....W 3-2
	12 vs. Collinsville (EA).....L 5-2
	13 vs. Civic Memorial (EA).....W 3-1
	17 vs. Alton-Marquette (EA).....W 2-1
	20 vs. Cahokia (EA).....L 2-4
	22 vs. Alton (FH).....L 1-3
	27 vs. Belleville East (EA).....L 1-3
	30 vs. Granite City (GC).....L 2-3
January	1 vs. Roxana (EA).....L 4-4
	3 vs. O'Fallon (EA).....L 2-6
	6 vs. Belleville West (EA).....L 1-3
	10 vs. Alton (EA).....L 0-3
	12 vs. Collinsville (FH).....W 5-2
	23 vs. Cahokia (CA).....L 2-2
	26 vs. Civic Memorial (EA).....L 2-2
	30 vs. Alton-Marquette (EA).....L 2-2
February	7 vs. Belleville East (FH).....W 8-3
	13 vs. Alton (EA).....L 4 p.m.

FREEBURG BLUE RAGE Overall record (18-9-2)

November	21 vs. Mascoutah (FH).....W 4-2
	23 vs. Triad (FH).....W 4-1
	28 vs. Wood River (FH).....W 6-2
December	1 vs. Highland (EA).....W 8-0
	5 vs. Plattsburgh (EA).....L 3-2
	8 vs. Waterloo (EA).....L 4-4
	12 vs. Jerseyville (EA).....W 7-3
	13 vs. Jerseyville (EA).....W 8-2
	15 vs. Mascoutah (FH).....W 4-1
	20 vs. Triad (FH).....W 4-1
	23 vs. Wood River (EA).....W 3-1
	27 vs. Highland (EA).....W 6-3
January	4 vs. Plattsburgh (FH).....W 3-2
	9 vs. Waterloo (FH).....W 2-1
	12 vs. Jerseyville (FH).....L 4-5
	17 vs. Mascoutah (FH).....W 2-0
	24 vs. Triad (FH).....W 2-0
	26 vs. O'Fallon (FH).....W 3-0
	26 vs. Highland (FH).....W 9-0
	30 vs. Plattsburgh (EA).....W 5-0
February	7 vs. Waterloo (EA).....W 3-1

GRANITE CITY WARRIORS Overall record (10-7-2)

November	10 vs. Alton-Marquette (EA).....W 5-4
	19 vs. Edwardsville (EA).....W 4-3
	21 vs. Belleville West (EA).....L 3-4
	28 vs. Cahokia (CA).....L 2-2
December	2 vs. O'Fallon (GC).....L 3-6
	5 vs. Civic Memorial (EA).....L 2-4
	9 vs. Roxana (GC).....L 1-3
	16 vs. Belleville West (GC).....W 4-2
	19 vs. Belleville East (FH).....L 2-5
	23 vs. Alton (GC).....L 1-4
	27 vs. Alton (FH).....W 3-1
	30 vs. Edwardsville (GC).....W 3-2
January	6 vs. Collinsville (GC).....L 2-7
	9 vs. Alton (EA).....L 1-1



Collinsville's Nathan Mueller (above) helped the Kahoks hockey club to a 10-9-2 record heading into the regular-season finale on Saturday against Civic Memorial. The Kahoks defeated Civic Memorial last week for their 10th victory. They will play Belleville West in the first round of the playoffs. Granite City's Brett Solberger (left) helped the Illinois Warriors to a 10-7-2. The Warriors are the defending Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association champions.

O'FALLON PANTHERS Overall record (18-2-2)

November	14 vs. Belleville East (FH).....W 7-3
	17 vs. Collinsville (FH).....W 5-3
	22 vs. Edwardsville (FH).....L 0-1
	28 vs. Alton (FH).....W 2-0
	29 vs. Alton (FH).....W 3-0
December	2 vs. Granite City (GC).....W 6-3
	6 vs. Cahokia (CA).....L 0-2
	13 vs. Belleville West (EA).....W 5-0
	16 vs. Belleville East (FH).....W 8-2
	20 vs. Roxana (EA).....W 10-1
	23 vs. Alton (FH).....W 3-0
	26 vs. Civic Memorial (FH).....L 2-2
	29 vs. Collinsville (FH).....W 7-1
January	1 vs. Alton (EA).....W 2-0
	3 vs. Edwardsville (EA).....W 5-2
	10 vs. Alton-Marquette (FH).....W 6-2
	19 vs. Alton (FH).....W 4-2
	19 vs. Cahokia (CA).....W 8-2
	27 vs. Granite City (FH).....W 4-2
	24 vs. Belleville West (FH).....W 7-1
February	1 vs. Alton (EA).....W 2-0
	7 vs. Civic Memorial (EA).....W 5-1
	4 vs. Alton-Marquette (EA).....W 11-1

WATERLOO BULLDOGS Overall record (14-2-2)

November	21 vs. Triad (FH).....W 6-0
	22 vs. Mascoutah (FH).....W 6-2
	26 vs. Highland (EA).....W 6-2
December	6 vs. Jerseyville (FH).....W 4-4
	8 vs. Freeburg (FH).....W 5-2
	12 vs. Plattsburgh (EA).....W 4-1
	15 vs. Triad (FH).....W 6-2
	16 vs. Triad (FH).....L 3-3
	22 vs. Highland (FH).....W 7-2
January	2 vs. Wood River (EA).....W 4-1



Kelly Taylor of Granite City took down an 8-point buck this deer season.

Taylor harvests trophy buck

Kelly Taylor of Granite City landed an eight-point buck, which field-dressed at 184 pounds, in Mulberry Grove in Fayette County.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Registration
The Tri-Township Baseball/Softball League registration dates are Feb. 18, Feb. 20, Feb. 27 and March 6 at Troy Community Center and Marine Stop-N-Go. Times are 6-8:30 p.m. on Feb. 18 and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on the other three days.

Drinking incidents lead to court

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students...Our whole thing is that we think there should be fairness to the process," he said. "If evidence of an unfair process was presented to Kardis originally, why was that not as or more important than the property right issue? Surely the judge had precedent regarding 'right to play,' which cannot stand in the face of sports and on extracurricular activities being a privilege. Meanwhile, how the students were treated during the process of being disciplined is a matter of concern. It's not something that should have been set aside while an injunction took effect. It should have been, and now should be, addressed to insure fairness for all of those involved."

Overtime

The appellate judges ruling unanimously in favor of the CM High school leaders were Clyde L. Kuehn, Charles W. Chapman and Richard P. Goldenhersh. Kuehn, no doubt, is knowledgeable about sports, including football in 4965, he opened his senior season at Belleville Township with consecutive kickoff returns of 85 and 90 yards in a 26-13 loss to Webster Groves, Mo.

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

A fast start Fri into a victory for

BOYS BASKETBALL

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Though she has much physically presence in the 10-9-2 record heading into the regular-season finale on Saturday against Civic Memorial. The Kahoks defeated Civic Memorial last week for their 10th victory. They will play Belleville West in the first round of the playoffs. Granite City's Brett Solberger (left) helped the Illinois Warriors to a 10-7-2. The Warriors are the defending Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association champions.

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Kelly Taylor of Granite City landed an eight-point buck, which field-dressed at 184 pounds, in Mulberry Grove in Fayette County.

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Registration
The Tri-Township Baseball/Softball League registration dates are Feb. 18, Feb. 20, Feb. 27 and March 6 at Troy Community Center and Marine Stop-N-Go. Times are 6-8:30 p.m. on Feb. 18 and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on the other three days.

Drinking incidents lead to court

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students...Our whole thing is that we think there should be fairness to the process," he said. "If evidence of an unfair process was presented to Kardis originally, why was that not as or more important than the property right issue? Surely the judge had precedent regarding 'right to play,' which cannot stand in the face of sports and on extracurricular activities being a privilege. Meanwhile, how the students were treated during the process of being disciplined is a matter of concern. It's not something that should have been set aside while an injunction took effect. It should have been, and now should be, addressed to insure fairness for all of those involved."

Overtime

The appellate judges ruling unanimously in favor of the CM High school leaders were Clyde L. Kuehn, Charles W. Chapman and Richard P. Goldenhersh. Kuehn, no doubt, is knowledgeable about sports, including football in 4965, he opened his senior season at Belleville Township with consecutive kickoff returns of 85 and 90 yards in a 26-13 loss to Webster Groves, Mo.

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

A fast start Friday night translated into a victory for the Belleville West basketball team.

BOYS BASKETBALL

The Maroons scored the first 10 points of the game and built a 15-point first-quarter lead en route to a 52-48 Southwestern Conference victory against Granite City.

Belleville West improved to 12-11 overall and 4-5 in the Southwestern Conference. The visiting Warriors dropped to 11-13 and 2-7.

"Getting off to a good start was extremely important because Granite City is a lot more difficult to play

when you're behind," West coach Bill Schmidt said. "We came out of the gate quick."

A bankshot by Curtis Williams gave the Maroons a 10-0 lead. Ramon Kelly's 3-pointer made the score 21-6 with 47 seconds to play in the first quarter.

"That's what we've been doing lately... we dig ourselves a hole early," Granite City coach John VanBuskirk said. "It gets to be the same old thing. In the second or third quarter, we make a little run and try to get back in the game but it's not going to work for a basket when

you're down by 10 the whole game. "We gave up a lot of layups and they had 21 points at the end of the first quarter. We didn't have 21 points at halftime."

An 8-0 Warriors run cut West's lead to seven points early in the second quarter, but a basket by Kelly put the Maroons up by 13 (27-14) with 2:30 to play. A 3-pointer at the buzzer by Dwyer. A 3-pointer at the buzzer by Dwyer. Smith made the score 30-18 at halftime.

West took a 10-point lead into the fourth quarter, but Granite City got within three points (49-46) on a slam dunk by Chris Tindall. One free

throw by Smith and two by Kelly clinched the victory for the Maroons before the Warriors added a basket at the buzzer.

"Most of the game we did a very good job defensively," Schmidt said. "We made it more difficult for them to do the things they wanted to do."

"One of the keys for us was (senior) Leundo Adams, who was making his first start (in place of senior Cecil Carter, who is serving a two-game suspension). He's a good high school basketball story. He's been on the team all year and got out to a slow start practice-wise and it

took him a while to get into the playing mode. He had a tremendous first half and did the things we need him to do."

Granite City was limited to 29 points over three quarters, which VanBuskirk believes was due to a combination of solid defense by West and lack of execution by his team. Seventeen of those points were scored by Matt Pistorius.

"We were 6-for-16 in the first half, so we just didn't shoot very well," VanBuskirk said. "We run a motion offense and try to get everybody the ball, but we didn't do a very good job of it tonight."

Pistorius finished with 19 points, while Zack May scored eight of his 10 points in the fourth quarter.

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The injuries wiped out a promising prep career for Dittman.

"At the time that she got hurt her sophomore year she was getting a lot of playing time for the junior varsity and playing for the varsity at Citrus," Dittman said. Coach John Moad said, "After she got hurt, she continued to come out and play for us. It was real questionable whether or not she should come back the next year, but she has done a great job. When she has been able to put a whole week of practices together, she has done a real good job for us."

After the 1990 season, Dittman was faced with a confusing miasma of doubt and uncertainty. Through it all, she held up with grace and maturity.

"I don't know what to expect," Dittman said. "I knew when I played before I always started off kind of slow, but during the season I always got a lot better. I had to miss my junior year and I just wanted to play. I mean, I love these girls."

Though she hasn't been able to contribute much physically on the court, Dittman's presence in the locker room and on the bench has helped a program that was 3-20 a year ago without her turn around and reach the .500 mark.

"Liz gives us leadership," Moad said. "The girls really look up to her. They know she has been through a lot."

Dittman said she has also received a lot

"Just knowing how to be a team member was great," Diltman said. "When I first made the team, Coach told me we couldn't promise me the minutes or anything, but that everybody looked up to me and he knew that I held the team together and they missed me the year before. He wanted to take me and I know that he had to cut people who were better than me skill-wise."

"I've made some really good friends this year that I didn't know my sophomore year. It's been a lot harder this year because I'm a senior and everything is like, 'This is the last time I'm going to get to do this, the last time I'm going to be able to do that.'"

Though she has battled adversity, Dittman emerged as an example of resilience and sportsmanship.

"She is not a girl who was expected to play lot and she knew that going in," Moad said. "I think the girls really respect her a lot for that because she comes out and works as hard as anybody."

"Just being a part of it was great," Dittman said. "It makes the school year go by so much faster, it seems, when you are in something. It's just a good experience for anybody and it keeps you away from doing things that you shouldn't do. It's a real good, positive thing in your life. It keeps you going. It keeps me in shape because I'm still practicing, which people don't see. It's been great. No regrets."

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title with victories against Edwardsville's Ryan Starkey (by pin at 3 minutes 3 seconds) and Jerseyville's Steve Walsh (by pin at 1:21).

"I'm pretty happy with what I did there," Johnson said. "I hope to go on to the next tournament — sectionals — and hopefully place first again. I want to keep it going."

A good effort is the least of the things the Warriors can count on from Paul Johnson. The key to his success is his ability to block

"The thing about Paul Johnson is that he's not afraid of anybody, that's the bottom line," Garland said. "This kid is not afraid of anything or anybody. He doesn't care if you are a state champ, if you are a national high school champ. He's going to go out there to

"We have other kids on this team, if they read a guy's name, they're done, they can't beat somebody with a name. Paulie Johnson doesn't care who you are. The Providence kid beat Paulie, but he looked like he lost. Paul beat him up."

"If you figure out that your opponent thinks he's going to set you down," Johnson said, "then you might get scared of them. You don't get scared of them. You just keep going after them with the same intensity over and over and you'll beat the guy."

Johnson has lost matches this year by "shooting, getting near-falls, and then being

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Mike Garland
Granite City coach

outpointed at the end. He will have to raise his game a notch to make some noise at state

"Paulie can't afford to do that in February," Garland said. "His problem is that he gives up too many points. If he can cut down on his points against, he can place at state, because he's strong enough, he's mean enough and he's tough enough. Those are some of the things I can't coach. He has all of the tools, it's just a matter of him giving up those big points. We're hoping for the best for him."

Johnson had his sectional battles this weekend. With a characteristic performance there, it will be off to state, where anything can happen.

"I just want to keep my endurance up," Johnson said. "I've started start practicing harder, gotten a harder workout in, maybe built up some more stamina."

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"Wojo has been rusty," Yurkovich said. "Lately, he hasn't been able to find his game. We didn't have a backup goalie so I had to leave him in there for the whole game."

The Warriors changed tack somewhat from their first game and attempted to put plenty of hits on Chaminade, the No. 2 seed in the 32-team tournament.

"We were very physical with them and got our shots in," Yurkovich said. "The freshmen especially learned to take the body and take the hits to them."

Granite City was able to decrease the shot disadvantage to 48-13 in favor of Chaminade, as opposed to the 57-8 advantage the Red Devils had Saturday in a 5-0 win.

The Warriors hope to chalk this one up on the development column in their program's ledger.

"We learned from it," Yurkovich said. "We knew they were going to come out and go after us after only beating us 5-0 in the first game."

"Realistically, we didn't think we were going to beat that team, but I didn't want my team to think that. The only thing I can do is prepare my kids and have my kids take this experience with them. I think my kids know that potentially we can beat teams like this, we have in the past."

"It's just that this year they have a much better talent base than we do. Their depth is unbelievable. They have no weaknesses."

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Sports

McKinney powers Panthers with his productivity

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

At 5-foot-6 and 125 pounds, O'Fallon hockey player Ryan McKinney isn't exactly a power forward.

But he certainly injects a lot of power into the Panthers' offense.

McKinney, a senior transfer from Belleville East, has a league-leading 50 points (23 goals, 27 assists) for OTHS, which finished the regular season with a 19-3-2 record.

O'Fallon finished first in the Southern Division of the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association and takes the Class 2A Conference's No. 1 overall seed into this week's playoffs.

"The credit to win is not so

much his 23 goals as his 27 assists. He's probably the most unselfish player on the team," said O'Fallon coach Ken Larrisey. "We don't pick a captain based on talent but on leadership on and off the ice. Ryan has both of those qualities."

McKinney is typically one of the smallest players on the ice, but he's not hindered by his lack of size.

"Early on, when I first started playing in checking leagues, it was a little harder, but I got used to it," McKinney said. "I had to be quicker, but I also used a really short stick. It makes my maneuverability and my stickhandling much better, and I have a lower center of gravity. I think I

have better accuracy with a shorter stick."

McKinney was introduced to hockey at age 5. He started playing in the Cahokia youth league when he was 8.

"My uncle played in the Cahokia league and my dad played a little in a men's league, but my whole family loved to watch hockey and I took a liking to it," McKinney said. "I played baseball for three years, but I quit just to play hockey."

"The level of play (in the MVCHA) has really gone up. The first year it was alright, but last year it was better and this year it's even better."

McKinney played the past two seasons at Belleville East under his father, Lancers head

coach Mark McKinney. Ryan had 21 goals and 19 assists as a sophomore and 16 goals and 16 assists as a junior. But last summer, his family moved from Belleville to O'Fallon. In two games against East this season, McKinney has one goal and six assists.

"The most awkward thing this year was playing against my dad," McKinney said. "Moving here, I was really nervous for school, but I knew pretty many people from hockey. It only took me a couple weeks to adjust."

"This is a lot different type of team. At East, one of my wingers, Justin Anderson (now at Freeburg) was injured most of the year. Jimmy Bedwell did a great job, but we never

really found another winger.

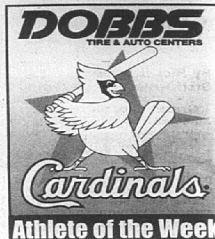
"At O'Fallon, we don't depend on one person to score. Our second and third lines have done a pretty good job."

McKinney feels his own skill level has increased this season.

"My endurance has gotten better," he said. "With East, I found myself being kind of lazy unless it was a key point. This year we've had some pretty intense practices and it keeps me in shape."

"My linemates (senior Joel Leiker and junior Zach Gustavson) and I work real well together."

McKinney has been nominated for the Team USA Select 17.



Freeburg finishes perfect regular season Blue Rage finishes first in Mississippi Valley Class A

By Garen Vartanian
Staff writer

Freeburg hockey coach Craig Buntbach has gotten used to coaching undefeated teams.

Buntbach was an assistant on the Belleville West team that went 12-0 two seasons ago. By virtue of his club's 3-1 victory over Waterloo Feb. 7 at the U.S. Ice Sports Complex in Fairview Heights, Buntbach now is part of another undefeated outfit.

The Blue Rage finished the regular season at 19-0-2 while also winning the Class A Eastern Division of the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association.

"There's only been two undefeated teams in this league, and I was on the other one," said Buntbach, whose

unit went 2-0-1 against Waterloo this season. "It's kind of neat to be on the other undefeated team, except this time I'm in a head capacity. It's quite an honor to be able to play with such good character players."

Blue Rage goalie Ryan Keck once again was the difference, stopping 15 of 16 Waterloo shots.

Keck, who had his string of 17 consecutive scoreless periods snapped last Sunday, denied 16 of 17 Waterloo attempts in a 2-1 Freeburg win on Jan. 9.

"That's quite amazing," Buntbach said of Keck's scoreless streak. "But it's a team effort too, though. We do a pretty good job of clearing the puck out of our zone. Like I said, it's a team accomplishment. We wanted to continue our positive momentum going into the playoffs. The players were pumped up. They had something to prove."

Playing for the first time

since Jan. 24, Waterloo dropped to 14-3-2 overall.

"We just didn't seem to have the desire tonight," said Waterloo coach Mike Grubb, whose unit was playing without injured left winger Dave Rowland. Rowland fractured his collarbone on Jan. 23 and is out for the season. "I think the guys were a little bit let down because they didn't have a chance to knock them off for first place, and it didn't really mean that much to them other than a pride thing."

"I guess they just didn't have enough pride tonight to go out and knock them off," Jeremy Gwinn got Freeburg rolling with a short-handed goal for mints into the opening period.

Justin Liefer assisted on the score. Andy Stehl then gave Freeburg a 2-0 lead with 8:32 remaining in the second period on an assist from Andy Schlesinger.

Justin Anderson's breakthrough with 3:25 left in the game gave

the Blue Rage an insurmountable 3-0 bulge.

Assisted by Jason Luhr, Chad McBride scored just 23 seconds later to end Keck's scoreless streak.

But Waterloo could draw no closer.

Goalie Danny Songer kept the Bulldogs within striking distance, stopping 18 of 19 Freeburg shots over the final 21 minutes.

"He made some good saves," Grubb said.

Next up for both Waterloo and Freeburg are the MVCHA playoffs.

The Bulldogs open postseason competition at 4:15 p.m. on Feb. 20 at the U.S. Ice Sports Complex. Freeburg, meanwhile, kicks off the playoffs on Tuesday, also at the U.S. Sports Complex.

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Collinsville turns back Civic Memorial

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Where was the defense Thursday night at East Alton Ice Rink?

Collinsville and Civic Memorial combined for 61 shots on goal.

Fortunately for the Kahoks, netminder Kyle Turner seemed to thrive on the work and led the Kahoks to a 5-2 victory over the Eagles.

"It was pretty wide open," Collinsville assistant coach Bob Vallino said. "There was plenty of action around both nets — a little more than we care for."

Turner stopped 29 of the 31 shots he faced. Civic Memorial goalie Ben Tobin was victimized for five goals on 30 shots.

"The goaltenders played a big part in this game," Vallino said. "Our goalie made some great saves."

On the other hand, Collinsville converted four goals off rebounds as Tobin denied the initial shots.

"We knew their goalie was good so we wanted to pepper him with a lot of shots," Collinsville coach Dave Oberkfell said. "We knew we wouldn't get many goals on direct shots that they would come off rebounds."

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Granite City falls to Flyerettes in SWC finale

Warriors allow 100 points to East St. Louis, but ready to begin postseason

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Granite City played East St. Louis on Tuesday night in a makeup game which had been postponed in January because of the weather.

The Warriors would have rather left it unplayed. The Flyerettes used 37 points from LaKeisha Cole to rout the Warriors 107-61 in a Southwestern Conference game.

"We started the game off with a lot of heart and a lot of fire," Warriors senior center Debra Aaron said. "We had it down to eight points at one time, but as soon as their 3-point shooters started making one right after another, we lost it. But we were in the game for a good quarter. That's an improvement from last game (against East St. Louis). I think. You can't judge how we played from the scoreboard at all."

East St. Louis standout Rita Adams, headed to the University of Kentucky, added 18 points. Sharing Conrad came off the bench to score 15, and Lutesia Davis contributed

11 to the century-mark output. The Warriors trailed just 23-15 after the first quarter.

But they couldn't hold back the waves of East St. Louis talent. Adams and Davis opened the second quarter with back-to-back 3-pointers. Cole sat on the bench for most of the second quarter, but made up for it in the third, scoring 21 points in the quarter to put the game away.

Jess Wallace led the Warriors with 14 points, 10 of them from the free-throw line. Aaron and fellow senior Jan Shanafelt had 12 points each. Della Moore scored a season-high 11.

Granite City freshman Erin Tyler came off the bench to shadow Adams. The experiment had mixed results, but Tyler had 4 points.

Though the outcome was decided early, the game was not without controversy. East St. Louis coach Charles McDonald was called for a technical for yelling at the officials in the second quarter.

"I thought once we were allowed to play, we played extremely well," McDonald said. "I think that in the first half, we had 15 fouls and they had seven. I know we play aggressive basketball, but

some of those things were ridiculous."

Cole also was given a technical, in the third quarter. McDonald was unhappy with the close officiating throughout the game.

"Any time you tell a player that they can't talk to their own teammates on the free-throw line and call a technical, I don't think that makes much sense," McDonald said. "It's not like she was talking to anybody on the other team. She was telling her own teammates what to do. I thought that was out of line."

"LaKeisha played great, but I think that was out of frustration. She was frustrated from the standpoint that she wasn't allowed to play her own game. We play basketball. This is a game for the kids and I don't think it should be in anybody else's hands."

On the other bench, the Warriors took umbrage at the fact that McDonald left his starters in and kept pressing well into the fourth quarter.

"I didn't think it was right at all for their coach to press us with five minutes to go and them up by 40 points," Aaron said. "We brought in a lot of our junior varsity players and he still had in his starting lineup and was still pressing us at the end of the game."

The Flyers improved to 20-2 overall and 12-0 in the Southwestern Conference.

The loss closed the Warriors regular season at 13-13 overall, 4-8 in the Southwestern Conference.

The loss to the Metro East's best team didn't put a damper on the Warriors' expectations against Jerseyville this Monday night in the first-round regional game.

"This game wasn't as important as a regional game," Aaron said. "We just have to look further down the road and forget about this game."

The game at Jerseyville starts at 7:30 p.m.

The Panthers host the Country Company Three-Point Shootout at 6:45 p.m. Four players from each team will have 45 seconds to take 15 shots — five from each wing and five from the top of the arc. The top four shooters out of the eight contestants will advance to the sectional round at Taylorville, which is the No. 1 seed in the region and will play the winner of the game between Granite City and Jerseyville.

In last year's Country Company Shootout, Warriors junior Ashley Bogovich advanced three rounds to the sectional finals as a sophomore. She will be shooting for the Warriors again, along with Jan Shanafelt, Erika Todd and Della Moore.



Granite City senior Jan Shanafelt (left) scored 12 points Tuesday against East St. Louis as the Warriors dropped to 13-13.

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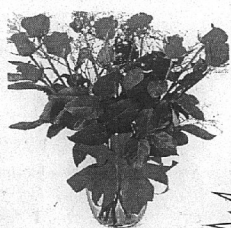
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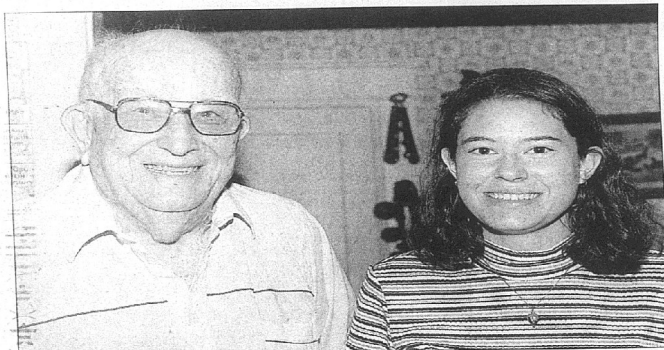
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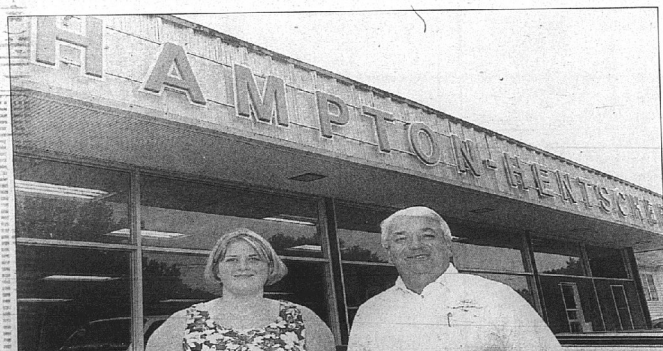
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Hyundai looking for new dealers

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The future is plastic — in your pickup truck bed. The trade publication Plastic News says Ford and General Motors will be selling pickup trucks with plastic beds within the next three model years. Plastic beds would be 25 percent lighter than current beds stamped out of steel. While plastic beds may be a bit more expensive than steel, they should improve fuel economy slightly. They also won't rust and shouldn't dent.

Volkswagen has announced it will begin selling New Beetles with 1.8-liter, 150-horsepower turbocharged engines in the U.S. in March. That should keep the doors swinging at VW dealerships. Volkswagen expected to sell 50,000 Beetles in North America last year and ended up selling more than 64,000.

The company sold nearly 220,000 cars in the U.S. last year for a 58 percent gain over 1997. A cabriolet version of the car may arrive in 2001.

He doesn't do too badly for a kid who drives around in a Chevy for a living. Fortunately for Jeff Gordon, he drives his Monte Carlo around NASCAR racing tracks instead of taxi stands. Forbes magazine says Gordon, 26, earned \$1.5 million in salary last year. Then he got to keep an estimated \$1.1 million of the prize money his Chevrolet earned in 13-race victories and the Winston Cup championship.

He took in another \$3.3 million in product endorsements and \$5 million in the licensing of his name and likeness for T-shirts, model cars and other stuff. Racing fans bought \$50 million worth of Jeff Gordon souvenirs last year. His total income for the year: \$13.9 million. And he probably never changes his own oil.

A real sign that you have too much money and time to kill: You decide to drive all the way around the world. Jim Rogers of Demopolis, Ala., has built a custom Mercedes-Benz by putting a sports car body on a Celsadawagen sport-utility vehicle. As if that didn't eat up enough money, he plans to spend three years driving around the globe to document the state of things upon the start of the new millennium. He took off Jan. 1 and plans to finish in 2001.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol doesn't limit its crime-fighting activities to roads and highways. It also tries to eradicate criminal activity on farms and gardens. In 1998 the patrol destroyed 35,700 marijuana plants and seized 1,365 pounds of processed marijuana. There were 2,204 drug-related arrests and 369 seized weapons.

Pontiac Montana is versatile, functional minivan

The 1999 Pontiac Montana is a driver's minivan with a distinctive sport-utility flavor and multipurpose functionality. An optional passenger-side, power sliding door on extended-wheelbase models enhances convenience. The interior features standard split bench seats and optional second row captain's chairs that fold forward for improved entry and exit for third-row passengers. The Montana also features an overhead console entertainment system. It includes a video cassette player, CD player, audio

cassette, steering wheel radio controls, rear seat audio with extended-range speakers, tape storage and a drop-down color monitor in the center of the second row overhead console.

To help protect the vehicle, Montana provides standard equipment the PASS-Key III theft-deterrent system. The 3.4-liter V-6 engine provides 185 horsepower and 210 pound-feet of torque. The engine is mated to a four-speed, electronically controlled transmission. With an available towing package, Montana can tow up to 3,500 pounds. This package requires automatic load leveling and includes a heavy-duty radiator, transmission cooler, engine oil cooler and wiring connectors.

The automatic load-leveling system provides an auxiliary inflator that can be used to inflate tires, air mattresses or other items. New standard features for 1999 include puncture-resistant tires, rear window defogger and heated outside rearview mirrors. Standard safety features include four-wheel anti-lock brakes, seat-mounted side-impact air bags, dual front air bags and safety belt pretensioners for front-seat occupants. The safety belt pretensioners retract the buckle assembly during a moderate-to-severe frontal impact. The Montana also features child safety locks on available sliding doors.

The extended-wheelbase Montana measures 201 inches in length with a 120-inch wheelbase. It has a 25-gallon fuel tank and a cargo volume index of up to 155.9 cubic feet, depending on door selection. The regular-length Montana has a wheelbase of 112 inches and provides up to 139 cubic feet of cargo space in the dual sliding door

model and 126 cubic feet on the single sliding door model.

Versatility and functionality define Montana's interior design. Features include seating for up to eight passengers; three different seating configuration options; easy-to-remove flip and fold seats; convenient storage areas; and 12-volt power outlets.

All second- and third-row seats are easily removed without tools when increase cargo space is needed. One can haul 4-ft. 8-in. sheets of plywood with the rear doors closed on extended-length models. Storage areas abound. They include front door map pockets with cup holder; lockable glove box; lower center console storage with coin holder; a drawer beneath the front-passenger seat; seat-back pockets on the front seats and second-row captains chairs; mini cargo net in rear cargo areas; and more.

The center console has two bins. The lower bin is designed to carry cassette tapes or CDs. For added convenience, this bin can be removed and taken into the house for loading tapes or CDs. Also, for security, this bin will fit into the lockable glove box.

Front air-conditioning is standard. The extended-wheelbase Montana features a available rear-seat heating and air-conditioning package with second-row auxiliary temperature and blower speed controls.

The Montana offers independent rear-seat audio so rear-seat passengers may select radio stations or adjust the volume without bothering the driver. Also, rear-seat headphone jacks allow passengers there to listen to a CD or cassette while the driver listens to the radio, or vice versa.

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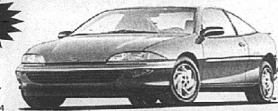
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brick vinyl 2 story w/ 4 BR's, 3 baths, 2
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this 4 BR custom 2 story home. Large
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